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AUGUST.

- Aug. 22.—Rochdale : President's Silver Cup.
Haddington : Macniven Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Macara Cup.
Troon : Ladies' and Gentlemen's Foursomes.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Marshall Wane & Co.'s Prize.
- Aug. 25.—Cornwall County Golf Club : Lord Robartes' Gold Medal.
Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
- Aug. 25 to 28.—Minchhead : Autumn Meeting.
- Aug. 26.—Prestwick : August Medal.
- Aug. 29.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Challenge Cup ; Captain's Prize.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.
Luffness : Captain and Club Prizes ; President's Medal and Gold Pendant.
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells : Bank Holiday Meeting.
Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal.
West Lancashire : Monthly Medal.
Lanark : Anstruther Medals (handicapped couples).
Dundee Advertiser : Honeyman Gold Medal.
Aldeburgh : Gold Medal.
Warwickshire : Club Cup.
Troon : Sandhills Medal.
Crookham : Monthly Medal.
Prestwick St. Nicholas : Bailie Wilson's Medal.
- Aug. 31.—Edinburgh, Viewforth : Silver Medal (Braids).

SEPTEMBER.

- Sept. 1.—Royal and Ancient, St. Andrews : Jubilee Vase Tournament.
(Under handicap. Entries close August 25th.)
Cornwall County Golf Club : Monthly Handicap.

St. Andrews, N.B. RUSACK'S HOTEL, THE MARINE (on the Links). The Golf Metropolis—Parties boarded. Special terms to Golfers and families. W. RUSACK, Proprietor and Manager. Telegrams :—Rusack, St. Andrews, N.B. Telephone No. 1101.

- Sept. 1.—Hayling Island Ladies : Monthly Competition for Bath Challenge Star.
Royal Blackheath : Monthly Medal.
- Sept. 3.—Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
Tyneside : Bi-Monthly Competition.
- Sept. 4.—Durham : Osborn Cup.
Harrison, Edinburgh : Medal.
- Sept. 5.—London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.
Royal Liverpool : Monthly Medal and Optional Subscription Prizes.
Bournemouth : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : Monthly Competition.
Haydock Park : Captain's Cup.
Aldeburgh : Silver Medal.
Monifieth : Panmure Silver Medal.
Rochdale : Secretary's Trophy, Silver Shield.
Cathkin Braes : Gold Medal Competition.
Lea Hurst : Competition for Committee Cup.
Seaton Carew : Wilson Shield.
Redhill and Reigate : Turner's Medal.
- Sept. 7.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
- Sept. 8.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Cup.
Harrison, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
- Sept. 9.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cup and Prizes.
- Sept. 10.—Selkirk : Hashe Medal.
- Sept. 11-12.—Lanark : Annual Meeting ; Claret Cup (scratch), Purdie Cup, Gold Ball, and Captain's Prize.
- Sept. 12.—West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
Guildford : Monthly Handicap.
West Lancashire : Autumn Meeting.
Hayling Island : Monthly Competition.
Alnwick : Marsh Painting.
Wilshire and District : Monthly Medal.
Rochdale : Captain's Prize.
Royal Montreal : Club Match.
Littlestone : Monthly Meeting.
Nairn : Pullar Medal.
- Sept. 16.—Royal Epping Forest : Kentish Gold Medal ; Noakes Cup.
- Sept. 19.—Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup.
Dublin : Monthly Medal.
Gullane : Captain, and other prizes.
Disley : Fifth Summer Handicap.
Lytham and St. Anne's : Macara Cup.
Epsom : Monthly Medal.
Watsonians : Gold Medal and Club Prizes.
Cathkin Braes : Westwood Cup Competition.
Lea Hurst : Monthly Competition.
Seaton Carew : Club Cup.
Royal Montreal : Brokers' Prize.
Redhill and Reigate : Club Medal.
Wimbledon Ladies' : Monthly Medals.
- Sept. 21.—Harrison, Edinburgh : Cox Medal and Prizes.
- Sept. 23.—Edinburgh Viewforth : Prize Competition.
- Sept. 24.—Troon : Autumn Meeting.
- Sept. 24-26.—Minchinhampton : Autumn Meeting.
Luffness : Mr. Tait's Silver Cup and Star.
Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.

- Sept. 24-26.—Seaford: Monthly Medal.
 Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells: Bank Holiday Meeting.
 Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Challenge Cup; Captain's Prize.
 Sept. 26.—Royal Eastbourne: Monthly Medal.
 West Lancashire: Monthly Medal.
 Glasgow: Match, Dumbarton, at Alexandra Park.
 Troon: Sandhills Medal.
 Warwickshire: Club Cup.
 Haydock Park: Legh Challenge Cup.
 Felixstowe: Monthly Challenge Cup.

NEW GOLF COURSE AT SOUTH UIST.—Within the past few days there has been added to the list of Golf courses a new course, which, but for its comparative remoteness, would undoubtedly take rank as one of the most popular. The veteran Tom Morris, of St. Andrews, the other week visited South Uist at the request of Sir Reginald and Lady Cathcart, and laid out a course which he pronounces second to none in the various elements which go to make a really good course. On a stretch of beautiful links ten miles in length it was difficult to select the best site for a course, as half-a-dozen courses, each having special points of interest, could have been marked off on the available ground. After a survey, a part of the farm of Askernish was selected, principally on account of its proximity to the excellent hotel at Lochboisdale, which at this season is usually crowded with anglers. Here a full circular course of 18 holes was laid out, and is now open to those golfers who find the mainland courses too crowded, and who desire to enjoy their game under the most attractive conditions of climate and surroundings. The course is situated on the west side of the South Uist, where the wide Atlantic breaks on a beach of exquisitely beautiful white sand. Looking due west the nearest land is the American Continent. To the east looms up the lofty peak of Hecla in the South Uist range, and southward the hills of Barra are descried. The air is exceptionally strong and invigorating, affording to the jaded city man all the advantages of a sea voyage without any of its discomforts. Here the mind of the golfer (if any golfer ever allows his mind to be diverted from the game) is touched with the romantic associations of the place. For almost within the range of a long drive from the tee is the spot where Flora Macdonald was born, and across the narrow island is the Cave of Corodale, where the ill-starred Prince Charlie found refuge, and which is still known as the Prince's Cave. The land is one of sentiment and romance, and not improbably the golfer may for a very modest consideration obtain the services as caddie of a native who will whisper darkly that he is a member of the Clan Ranald and "very near the chief."

GOLFERS' PRIZE.

Suppose, gentle reader, it were decided to play an international Golf match between England and Scotland, eight men a-side, whom would you select as the representative teams?

Write the names below in the order in which you consider their merit entitles them to rank, cut out the form and send it to this office on or before September 25th. A sovereign will be given to the sender of the list which agrees with the majority of votes, and a bound volume of GOLF to the second best list.

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GOLF PATENTS.

The following list of Golf patents, extending from 1st January to the 31st of July this year, has been compiled for GOLF by the West End Patent Agency, 22, Glasshouse Street, Regent Street, London:—

- 1,149. A Golf marker.—Charles Wykeham Formby, 18, Clinton Terrace, Exmouth.
- 1,313. A combined stand and transport bag for Golf clubs.
- 1,458. Improvements in metal Golf clubs.—Alexander Mackenzie Ross, 96, Buchanan Street, Glasgow.
- 3,059. Improvements in, and relating to, Golf clubs.—Thomas Morris, 96, Buchanan Street, Glasgow.
- 3,458. A topper plane for turning wood from the square either straight, tapered, or hollow tapered, principally for Golf club handles.—Charles Spinks, Pirrie Street, Leith.
- 3,660. Improvements in handles for Golf clubs and the like.—Arthur Morley, 77, Chancery Lane, London.
- 3,794. The improvement of wood Golf clubs.—Robert Anderson, 67, Princes Street, Edinburgh.
- 4,168. Improvement in Golf clubs.—Robert Ramsbottom, 57, Barton Arcade, Manchester.
- 4,727. Improvements in Golf clubs.—William Fernie, 87, St Vincent Street, Glasgow.
- 4,932. Improvements in, and relating to, Golf clubs.—Andrew Morrison, 96, Buchanan Street, Glasgow.
- 5,133. Improvements in metal Golf playing clubs.—William Thompson, 2, Roseneath Terrace, Meadows, Edinburgh.
- 5,731. Improved Golf club-head.—William Currie, jun., 6, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh.
- 5,741. Same as above.
- 6,346. An improved carrier or receptacle for Golf clubs.—Charles Irving Edmonson, 17, St. Anne's Square, Manchester.
- 6,591. Improvements in means and appliances for learning, practising, and playing the game of Golf.—John Fisher, 35, Southampton Buildings, London.
- 6,682. Improvements in metal-headed Golf clubs.—Francis Archibald Fairlie, 4, Mansfield Chambers, St. Anne's Square, Manchester.
- 6,917. Colouring Golf balls.—John Archibald, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough.
- 6,993. An improved lofter Golf club of iron, or other suitable metal.—Charles Barker, Blockley, Worcestershire.
- 7,243. Improvements in Golf clubs or putters.—George Francis Twist, 23, Southampton Buildings, London.
- 7,288. A portable appliance for supporting (or teeing) a Golf ball.—John Maclagan and John Maclaren Mallock, 1, Gillburn Terrace, Downfield, Dundee.
- 7,460. The game of Lawn Golf.—Edward Northam Witchell, The Acre, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
- 8,201. Stand for holding Golf balls whilst being painted.—Morgan George Lloyd, Belvedere, Tenby, South Wales.
- 8,261. An improved Golf club.—Robert Henry, 41, Redfarm Street, Dundee.
- 8,424. Golf ball.—James Murray, 25, Princes Street, Edinburgh.
- 8,525. An improved Golf club.—James Watson Johns and William Cowan, Hermitage Hill House, Hermitage Hill, Restalrig Road, Leith.
- 9,634. Balancing and keeping erect the flag-pole of a Golf hole.—William Henry Wood Taylor, 20, Humbriss Row, Scarborough.
- 10,448. An improvement in wooden Golf club-heads.—Charles James Rivett Carnac, Naggpur, Central Provinces, India.
- 10,523. An improvement connected with Golf caddie bags.—Thomas Newbon Mapleston, 166, Fleet Street.
- 11,817. Improvements in the manufacture of Golf balls.—Robert Starkie, 154, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.
- 12,207. Improvements in Golf clubs.—Andrew Morison, 62, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.

IN THE HUNDRED OF BLACKHEATH.

STRAY NOTES ABOUT THE PREMIER ENGLISH GOLF CLUB.

"Men moralise among ruins," so we are informed by the brilliant statesman who passed away from among us in April, 1881. Wandering amid what have been called the ruins of the Blackheath Golf Links, the thought occurred that I might confer a benefit on the present race of golfers (particularly English ones) by chronicling some of the doings of the men who, alone, in the south, played the Royal and Ancient game for many generations previous to A.D. 1864. I am not presuming to write a history of the Blackheath Golf Club: my pretensions extend no further than to set down some of the proceedings of the Blackheath golfers, so as to afford a slight insight into the manner in which they conducted their societies, to give some description of the prizes for which they have long contended, and to show, that they have not only kept the game alive on their own grounds, but endeavoured to foster its growth elsewhere.

I shall avail myself of such quotations from the records of the golfing societies of Blackheath, as the hon. secretary of the present Blackheath Golf Club has favoured me with; they being, in his opinion, fit to publish to the *profani*. I am assured of the correctness of these extracts; the details therefore which I am proceeding to string together, if wanting in other recommendations, will at least retain that of genuineness. Any quotation from a minute book will be labelled, "Minute."

Mr. Andrew Lang in his interesting chapter on "The History of Golf," being the first in the Badminton volume of the game, would lead the reader to infer that the Blackheath Golf Club was once known as the Knuckle Club. He says, "in 1822 it was proposed to alter the mystic name of Knuckle Club to Blackheath Golf Club, this was carried, and the *ἀρόπηρα* of the Knuckle Club were destroyed." Now this is not altogether correct, as the Knuckle Club was an emanation from the Blackheath Golf Club, and after existing some fifty-four years was absorbed into the parent body. In proof, let the minutes of the Knuckle Club, now all in the possession of the Blackheath Golf Club, speak for themselves.

I.—THE KNUCKLE CLUB, OR BLACKHEATH WINTER GOLF CLUB.

Referring to the first volume of the minutes of the Knuckle Club, the following appears on the inside of the front cover of the binding. "Present: Jas. Ferrier, chairman, Coll. Turner, Wal. Colquhoun, Thos. Longlands, Rob. Edie, 17th January, 1789." Below this appears, "By a vote of twelve members, 12th November, 1825, the first leaf of this book, containing the origin of the club, was ordered to be destroyed, and was burnt accordingly by Alex. Innes.—Geo. Lindsay, Repr."

Not only the first leaf, but the first five leaves appear to have been destroyed, and the first six resolutions of the club are wanting.

The seventh resolution stands as follows:—"That we do continue to meet in the Knuckle, Green Man, Blackheath, every Saturday, until April next, at the meeting of the Golf club, when the members of the Knuckle will fix a proper time for their meeting."

Eighth resolution.—"That in honor of the Blackheath Golf Club (of which most of us are members), we do make it a rule that any member thereof wishing to become a Knuckle be Balloted for first meeting at club hours."

The ninth resolution provides that any person, not a member of the Blackheath Golf Club, should dine with the Knuckle Club one Saturday previous to being proposed.

Minutes of the meeting of the Knuckle, 28th March, 1789, conclude—"Club adjourned till second Saturday in November."

(Minute.) "Knuckle, 14th November, 1789.—Resolved, that the anniversary of the 17th January, being the day of the institution of this club, be held on every ensuing 17th January, it Saturday, or if the 17th is on any other day in the week, the anniversary be held on the Saturday following."

There is a good deal of truth in Mr. Lang's remark that the minutes of the Knuckle Club were quite as much convivial as sporting: still some members played Golf every Saturday before they dined, and bets made at the dinners, and entered in the

minutes, were almost invariably on the game. The following are selected at random from innumerable instances:—

(Minute.) "Knuckle, 29th January, 1791.—Mr. Hamilton betts Mr. Ferrier one gallon of claret that he beats him in three rounds, playing with iron clubs, Mr. Ferrier betts the contrary."

"Mr. Graham betts Mr. Walker one gallon of claret that Mr. R. Edie and himself will beat Mr. Walker and Mr. Longlands in four rounds."

"Mr. Hamilton betts Mr. Maxwell one gallon of claret that Mr. Duff and himself will beat him, playing four rounds." (N.B.—The course then consisted of five holes.)

In the fourth year of the existence of the Knuckle Club its members took steps to furnish themselves with some tangible proof of their prowess at Golf; and the Blackheath Golf Club is indebted to them for the possession, in the shape of their Spring medal, of the oldest Golf medal in all England, and, it is believed, in Scotland to boot.*

The history of the medal is as follows:—

(Minute.) "Knuckle, Blackheath, 10th March, 1792.—A motion was made by Mr. Longlands and seconded by Mr. Ferrier, that there be a medal bought by this club to be played for by the members of the club the last day of the Knuckle meeting every year, and the best player on that day to receive the medal and continue it until it is won from him by a better player. The motion was carried."

(Minute.) "Knuckle, Blackheath, 17th March, 1792.—Resolved, that an open committee do meet to settle the form of a medal, to be reported on the next Saturday, 24th inst."

(Minute.) "Knuckle, Blackheath, 24th March, 1792.—Mr. Duff reported a committee did meet according to the resolution of the last Saturday, and did settle the form of a medal to be played for by members of this club according to the resolve of the 10th instant. Mr. Charles Graham promised to see the same carried into execution."

The medal then executed was a gold and enamel one, in the form of a locket; the back of plain gold, face with a dark blue enamel border, bearing these words in gold, at the top, "Knuckle Club, 1789;" at the bottom, "*Quasitum victricis manu.*" In the centre are two hands, with the knuckles and tips of the thumbs pressed together; below them, on a green enamel ground, the representation of a Golf ball in white enamel. Crossed Golf clubs in gold are worked into a sort of gold scroll, surrounding the central device.

(Minute.) "Knuckle, Blackheath, 31st March, 1792.—The gold medal was this day played for by the members of the club, and won by Mr. Longlands, being the best player of the day, he was presented with the medal by the Grand Knuckle."

(Minute.) "Knuckle, Blackheath, 26th December, 1795.—The following resolution was moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Jno. Mackenzie, and carried unanimously:—

"That our anniversary being on the 17th January, a period of the year when we invariably have bad weather, and succeeding so soon the Christmas hollydays, it has been found that the attendance of members cannot be had upon so necessary an occasion."

"It is therefore moved that the anniversary shall hereafter be fixed for the second Saturday in March in every year, and that the gold medal shall be played for on that day."

From December, 1795, to November, 1825, it appears that the Knuckle Club met regularly every Saturday between the first Saturday in November, and the first in April, and that they competed yearly for their medal in the Spring.

In November, 1825, the club changed its name as follows:—

(Minute.) "Knuckle Club, 12th November, 1825.—Mr. Lindsay moved, 'That in future this club be called and known only as the Blackheath Winter Golf Club,' the motion was seconded by Mr. Innes, and upon being put by the chair was carried."

"All the insignia of the Knuckle Club were in course done away with, the members in future to meet merely as golfers."

(Minute.) "Winter Golf Club, Saturday, 10th November, 1838.—Mr. Masson moved that the meetings of this club be hereafter held monthly, and that the second Saturday of each

* The writer takes it that the gold medal of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, first competed for in 1806, is the oldest Golf medal of any Scotch club, but is open to correction on this point.

month be the days of meeting, seconded by Captain Cameron, and carried unanimously."

The monthly meetings seem at first to have been well attended. In the years 1842-3, however, the club appears to have got into debt, and subscriptions to have fallen off, and in the latter year we find the following:—

(Minute.) "Winter Golf Club, Saturday, 10th February, 1844. It was proposed and seconded that the Winter Golf Club be dissolved from this day, which motion was carried."

"It was moved, seconded and carried that the medal of this club be presented to the Blackheath Golf Club."

The medal of the Blackheath Winter Golf Club was last competed for by that club on the 11th March, 1843, and won by the Right Hon. Fox Maule. His name, and that of the winner in each previous year, back to 1792, is inscribed on the medal.

So much for the Knuckle Club, or Blackheath Winter Golf Club. *Majora* (in point of antiquity) *canamus*.

II.—THE BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

We have it on the authority of a modern writer on Golf, Sir W. G. Simpson to wit, that there is "nothing so true as tradition." We find a very well preserved tradition at Blackheath that King James, the 1st of England, and 6th of Scotland, played Golf on the heath in the year of grace 1608, and that a society of golfers in some form or another has existed at Blackheath from that date until now; further, that the documents and other property of such society were destroyed by fire towards the end of the last century. This then we accept as the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Certain it is that the Blackheath Golf Club has no written documents prior in date to 1787, and equally certain is it that it existed long before that year.

The oldest outward and visible sign of association which the Blackheath golfers possess is the silver club, which has always, within living memory, been carried before a new captain on his installation, and upon which he has sworn the oath on taking office. This club is of the form and size of an ordinary driver, and bears the following inscription on the head: "16th August, 1766, the gift of Mr. Henry Foot to the Honorable Company of Golfers at Blackheath." Hung to the shaft of this club are silver Golf balls, engraved with the names of the successive captains of the Blackheath Golf Club from 1766 to 1865. With few exceptions, each captain of the club, on the conclusion of his year or years of office, attached a ball to the club. The oldest ball bears the inscription, "Alexander Duncan, 1766-67," the most modern, "Saml. William Hyde, 1865." A new club, made in 1866, bears the silver balls engraved with the names of the captains for that and subsequent years.

Reference to the minutes of the Blackheath Golf Club, 1800, shows that the club proceeded very much in the same way as the Knuckle Club, meeting for play every Saturday from April to November, and after the game dining together at the Green Man Hotel, the old house which stood at the top of Blackheath Hill, and which, with its assembly room and bowling green, can yet be recalled to the minds of some men who must confess that they have comfortably closed their eighth lustre.

We find from the records, that in 1789 the club had a secretary, committee men, and a captain; and we learn from a minute of October, 1802, that it also recognised a presiding officer, higher than the last named, who was styled Field Marshall, and whose appointment lasted for life.

(Minute.) "22nd October, 1802.—It was moved that the gold medal prepared and designed by Mr. Longlands should be presented to the Field Marshall Walker as a testimony of the club's approbation of his long and meritorious services: that he be forthwith invested with the same, and requested to wear it at all times in the club. The ceremony of investiture was performed."

The medal referred to is a plain oval gold one, bearing in relief on its face two crossed Golf clubs, their heads downwards, a Golf ball between the heads, a rose and thistle, one on each side, and a laurel branch between the handles of the clubs. Later, the following entry is found, anent this medal:—

(Minute.) "Blackheath Golf Club, 30th August, 1817.—In consequence of the gold medal having been lost and recovered, it was moved by Mr. Lindsay that the following inscription should be placed thereon. 'This medal moved for and designed

by Thomas Longlands, Esq., was presented to Field Marshall John Walker the 22nd of October, 1802, in testimony of the Golf Club's approbation of his long and meritorious services.'

"It was further moved that the names of the succeeding Field Marshalls should be inscribed on the medal."

The medal bears on the back the above inscription, and also the names of the Field Marshalls down to the present date, as follows:—

Wm. Wilson	Invested 2nd April, 1808.
Thos. Longlands	" 11th May, 1816.
Thos. Jameson	" 4th November, 1826.
Alexr. Innes	" 4th April, 1829.
Geo. Lindsay	" 16th April, 1831.
R. Stewart Flemyng	" 17th January, 1857.
Chas. Sutherland	" 10th April, 1858.
Sir H. H. Campbell	" 16th April, 1874."

Sir Hugh Hume Campbell, of Marchmont, Bart., the present Field Marshall and holder of the medal, was elected a member of the club in June, 1840.

There appears to have been a disposition in the club to play for small pecuniary stakes on the green. *Teste* the following:—

(Minute.) "29th June, 1811.—A motion was made by the secretary that the old custom of the club should be revived of playing for sixpence a hole on the green, which was carried *nem. con.*"

The records of the club show that from 1800 to 1822 the silver club, above referred to, was played for annually in May, whoever won it becoming *de facto* captain of the club for the year. In 1822 it was decided that this should be altered, and that the captain for each year should be elected by the members.

The silver club having ceased to be contended for, the desirability of having a medal to play for occurred to the members, as we have:—

(Minute.) "12th April, 1823.—The election of a captain and chairman was fixed for Saturday, the 26th inst. Moved and seconded that a medal should be provided and played for, to be won by the best player of the day, and that the expence should be defrayed individually by the members of the club. Mr. Cunningham to make the selection of the medal."

(Minute.) "21st June, 1823.—This being the day appointed for the play for the medal voted by the club, and scrutineers having examined the cards delivered on the occasion, the numbers were declared as follows, viz.:—In three rounds, Mr. Masson, 143; Mr. Robertson, 124; Mr. Lindsay, 122; Mr. Stein, 120; Mr. Black, jun., 113; Mr. Flemyng, 106; Mr. Cunningham, 106; Mr. Black, sen., 105; whereupon the honour was declared in favour of Mr. Black, and he was invested with the medal accordingly."

This medal (the present summer medal of the Blackheath Golf Club) is an oval gold one in the shape of a locket, the face having a plain border which bears on the upper part the inscription "*Palnam qui meruit ferat*," on the lower, "Voted 12th April, 1823." In the centre are represented crossed Golf clubs in relief with a Golf ball on each side, below them the words, "Blackheath Golf Club," above the motto "*Vi et Arte*." This medal has been played for annually in June, and bears inscribed the name of its winner for each year from 1823 to the present time, the winner in June last, and present holder, being Mr. E. F. S. Tylecote, of Oxford cricket fame.

(To be continued.)

B. S.

SKELMORLIE—NEW GOLF COURSE.—Golf links have been formed at Skelmorlie. The ground over which the course extends is permanent pasture, of a quality which adapts it to the playing of Golf, and especially to the eventual cultivation of first-rate putting-greens. Rushes are the principal hazards, but a stone wall running across the course and the boundaries of stone walls and parish roads provides considerable variety in the round. There are alternative arrangements for playing the seventh and eighth holes. The present location of the seventh hole is on the same side of the road as the tee. The alternative putting-green is across the road, which adds materially to the risks in approaching. The tee to the eighth hole is across the wall, so that the wall does not come within the scope of the hole. The alternative tee is so arranged that the drive therefrom must cross both the aforementioned road and the wall.

PARK'S SPECIAL GOLF BALL.

Not content with his successes in the way of patent clubs, young Willie Park, of Musselburgh, has now brought out a new Golf ball, which he has protected by patent. Among those who have come into contact with him of late, it has been no secret that for some time back he has been conducting a series of experiments with the view of finding out whether the ordinary gutty ball was capable of improvement, and how this could best be effected.

Gutta-percha readily assimilates with other substances, and this fact has been taken advantage of in the manufacture of the ball which is known in the golfing world as the "Eclipse," but it has been found by makers and players that the introduction of foreign substances destroys the elasticity of the gutta-percha. In the present instance there is no admixture, the patent lying in the treatment of the gutta-percha (of which a superior quality is used)—and a point which resembles the "Truffite" ball of Messrs. Slazenger—as well as in the markings of the ball.

Park's ball has certainly a neat appearance. Instead of the usual two or four facets, it has six; and instead of the markings being square, they are diamond shaped. Park claims for his ball that it travels better, that it is less affected by cross and head winds, that it retains its shape better, that it does not hack so much, and that the paint adheres to it better than in the case of the majority of balls in the market. We have given the ball an exhaustive trial, and can vouch for the fact that these qualities are genuine. Although severely topped on many occasions with the view of testing it, the ball retained its perfect rotundity; and there was nothing to show the bad usage it had undergone, save a slight mark where the edge of the iron had struck. In bunkers, too, it was noticeable that the sand did not get driven into it as is the case with ordinary balls. For driving, approaching, and putting, Park's ball is as good an article as the heart of any golfer need desire to possess.

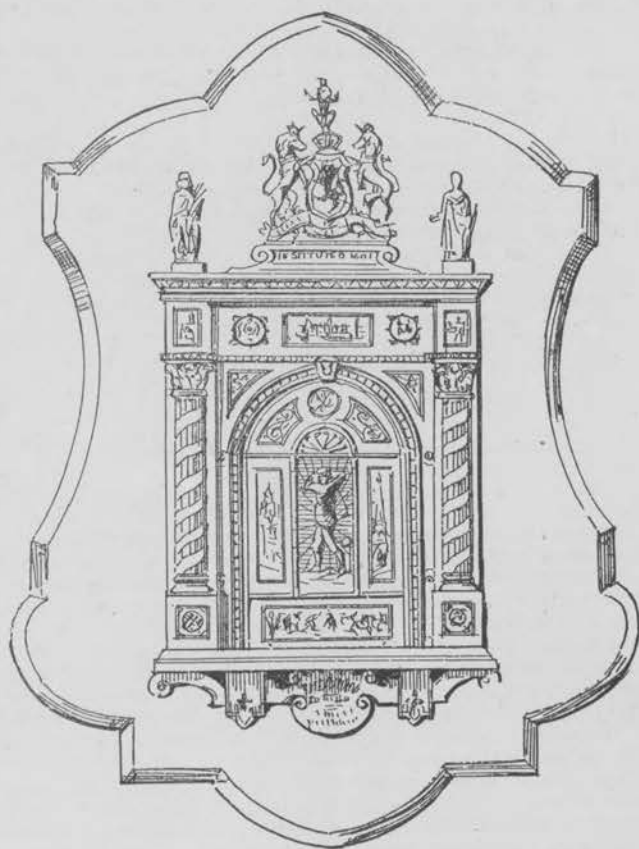
GOLFIC SONG.

There is sweet music here—what sweeter falls
Than ball fresh driven on to yonder grass?
Or breeze-born warning, sharp and shrill, that calls
The "loafer" just to "duck" and let it pass?
Here are "cool hands" and "deep,"
That come to simply "sweep"
The "stakes" a-lying ready in a heap,
With greed that makes a lesser "golfer" simply weep!

Distant the memory of our former lives,
Fading the last embraces of our wives,
And their warm words—we've taken all "the change"!
And surely now, if homewards we return,
Our dress would frighten them, our looks be strange!
They would our "clubs," our very gaiters, burn,
Nor suffer us again a far to range;
Raking up grievances, and tales of wrong—
Tales of a "woman's rights," in language somewhat strong!
For "golfers" thrive upon the barren hill,
Whate'er the weather, "golfers" go on still;
All day the skies may weep, the winds may blow,
The "putting-greens" be simply white with snow,
Yet round and round the "links" the "golfers" go!

The "golfer" lounges on the barren "down,"
The "golfers" seen at every seaside town;
All day he plays—"Golf" can be play'd alone,
To "beat the record," though it be his own;
So round the down the gaiter'd golfer's blown!
For surely "Golf" is far more sweet than "tennis" teeing-
Than tea on tennis ground—then (*pace* Tennyson)
We'll go, oh! brother-golfers, round, round, round,
Yes, here we jolly "golfers" will be found, be found!

A. J. R.



THE GLASGOW EVENING TIMES GOLF TROPHY.

The above is a representation of the trophy instituted by the proprietors of this newspaper for competition among the Scottish Golf clubs. It was fully described in GOLF of August 7th. The tournament which shall decide the destination of the trophy for a year will take place over Prestwick on October 23rd and 24th, and is open to the members of any recognised Golf club in Scotland.

Mr. W. G. Stevenson, A.R.S.A., Edinburgh, has finished the important golfing picture on which he was engaged under commission for the Fine Art Society, New Bond Street, and the work is in the hands, for purposes of reproduction as an etching, of Mr. Charles O. Murray. The picture is a representation of modern Golf. The background is appropriately St. Andrews from the fourth hole, and the foreground is occupied by portraits of many of the leading amateurs and professionals. Among these are Mr. A. J. Balfour (the Irish Secretary), Mr. J. E. Laidlay (the amateur champion), Mr. John Ball, jun. (ex-champion and present champion, open), Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson, Tom Morris, Willie Fernie, Willie Park, Willie Campbell, and others. The plate, it is expected, will be issued in November, and there will probably be 150 signed artist's proofs at five guineas, and prints will be one guinea.

A correspondent writes: "With reference to your 'Tee-shot' last week as to the length of drives in the Chester competition, may I give you a comparison between a drive at cricket and one at Golf. About ten years ago, on the Sussex County ground at Brighton, I saw Mr. C. J. Thornton, while practising close to the pavilion, hit a ball straight over the bowler's head out of the ground and over the entrance-gate. I measured the distance with the chain, and found it to be 142 yards to the gate. The ball passed so high and clear of the wall that I could not allow less than 18 yards for the pitch on the other side—a hit of 160 yards in all."



GOLF AND LIFEBOAT WORK.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I beg to thank you for so kindly inserting in your paper the appeal to the members of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club on behalf of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, signed by the Rev. Canon Hawkins and myself, also for your very excellent notice of it. Mr. J. Talbot Fair, hon. sec. of the St. Anne's Golf Club, informs me that up to date there has been a generous response, the last two subscriptions being for £5 5s and £5 respectively, and the last donations for similar amounts; others are for one and two guineas, and any sum will be thankfully received. Should this go on as it has begun there will be a large amount to divide between the two branches, as there are about 400 members in the club, besides nearly 200 lady subscribers. Already a considerable number of the local members subscribe to their respective branches, and I intend proposing that their names shall be posted in the club-room along with those who may generously come forward with subscriptions or donations in response to this appeal. I hope that other Golf clubs may follow this good example.

I am, Sir, &c.,

CHARLES W. MACARA,

Chairman of the St. Anne's Branch R.N.L.I.
Westbourne, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea,
August 10th, 1891.

THE NUMBERING AND WEIGHT OF GOLF BALLS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have always understood that the number on a Golf ball represented its weight in drachms. Recently, I have received a supply of gutta-percha balls, No. 27, which are in every way satisfactory except in weight. By actual weight, I find one slightly under 620 grains, or less than 23 drachms—being about 16 per cent. below what it ought to be.

My attention was called to the circumstance by the impossibility of driving an average length shot against a head wind.

Is the above state of things right?

I am, Sir, &c.,

SUBSCRIBER.

Montreal, Canada, August 3rd.

BORTH AS A HOLIDAY RESORT.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Some weeks ago I wrote you to ask if you or any of your readers could give me any information about Borth as a golfing place. There was no response to my question.

In case there should be any of your readers who would care for the information that I then wanted I am now in a position

to give it, as I have been here for more than a week. Borth is principally known to the public as the place to which Uppingham School migrated for a year while the drainage at Uppingham was being put in order. Living at Borth is much like living on board ship, with a Golf links thrown in. There are no walks or drives. All excursions must be made by railway. The sands are splendid—a paradise for children. There is a good hydropathic hotel and a few lodging-houses—but it is a very unsophisticated place. The Golf ground belongs to the hydropathic hotel, and the subscription is 2s. 6d. a week. There is no professional, and the ground is not perfectly kept up, but it has great capabilities. At present the first four holes, the eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth, sixteenth and eighteenth are in fairly good order, and some of them are very good; but the remainder cannot be brought to a satisfactory condition without constant play, as the grass is wiry and tufty, but capable of being worn down into as good turf as the other holes. There are only a few local players, and they say that, in autumn or winter, these holes that now are almost unplayable, are in very much better condition.

I am, Sir, &c.,
B.

Talie-in House, Borth, South Wales,
August 8th.

A RECORD SCORE AT FELIXSTOWE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Thinking it may interest many of your readers, I enclose the analysis of Mr. Muir Ferguson's score in to-day's competition, viz:—First round, 4 4 5 4 4 4 4 5 =39; Second round, 4 4 4 5 5 4 4 4 5 =39; total, 78.

Beyond stating that this is the record score on the medal course, and that there was a stiffish wind at the time of play, I think no further comment is needed.

I am, Sir, &c.,

J. LIONEL RIDPATH.

Laurel Farm, Felixstowe, Suffolk,
August 15th, 1891.

QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—May I be allowed to suggest that your answer to Mr. Turner's question in last week's GOLF is hardly satisfying?

I hope and trust that no Ashdown golfer imagines that he is "entitled to use his club as an improvised scythe to sweep away every obstacle surrounding the ball," nor indeed, with a considerable experience of the Ashdown green, have I personally ever seen, as Mr. Turner has, "the preliminary waggle of the club cut down fern, and thus partly clear the lie."

The point, as it appears to me, which really requires elucidation, is this—does this bracken, which is an obstacle exactly similar in character to bog, bent or rough grass, or, for instance, to the shorter rushes at the first, second and seventeenth holes at Westward Ho! come under the definition of "hazard" in Rule IV., paragraph 12? If not, you can ground your club, and, in actually playing at the ball, may clear away as much vegetation as you like, as well in your upward as in your downward sweep. If it does—well, many sterling golfers are most grievous sinners in this respect.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ASHDOWN GOLFER.

August 15th.

[It would be reckoning too much on golfing human nature to expect that it would be satisfied with a fair and liberal interpretation of the rules in all cases. That, however, is a responsibility which must be borne by the present rules and "the previous sinners" who infringe them—not by us, who seek to interpret them fairly and justly. We do not agree with our correspondent. The rules expressly state that you shall not do anything which shall improve the lie of the ball by pressing down irregularities of surface. If the ball is covered with bracken or rushes or long, stiff grass, to all intents and purposes it is

in a hazard. All you can do is to remove lightly from the top of the ball sufficient of the bracken or bent so as to get a clear view of the ball, but in playing the *upward* stroke you are not entitled to scoop a clear passage behind so as to get a fairly unobstructed line to the ball in playing the *downward* stroke. To contend otherwise is to seek to evade most colourably the spirit, if not the letter, of the rules. Does our correspondent think that in a professional match, with money on, the umpire would not be appealed to for the hole against the player who, by means of a preliminary waggle, by an upward stroke, or even by grounding his club in the circumstances described, sought to render the eventual getting of his ball out of the difficulty more easy? Most assuredly he would, and, what is more to the point, would have to decide in favour of the appellant. To argue that the thing is constantly being done is no proof towards establishing its legality.—ED.]

OLD WILLIE PARK TO THE FORE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I read with much satisfaction, in last week's GOLF, Mr. Doleman's letter about old Willie Park. It is so many years since "Auld Willie" was at his best that people are inclined to underrate his former play. I am pretty sure of this, that for combined, straight, and strong driving, Auld Willie was never surpassed by anybody, and, as he is an ex-champion, and as, in his palmy days, he could always have found backers against any comer, surely it is rather too much to place him anywhere except in the front row of the Valhalla of golfing heroes.

I think I am correct in stating that the record of the *old* Musselburgh course lay with Willie Park, and that he was at one time *facile princeps* in the Lothians, and equal to any Fifer.

The writer of this note never felt so flattered in his life as when he overheard Auld Willie on one occasion say, with reference to the writer's play, "He's a kin' o' pupil of mine."

I am, Sir, &c.,

KORUNEPHOROS.

GOLF PATENTS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Referring to the paragraph in your number of last week respecting the above, I have to inform you that Mr. W. Wilson, of this city, maker of iron Golf club-heads, has taken out a patent for an improved *socket* for iron clubs, by which he contends a continuous spring is given to the shaft down to the sole, the amount of metal in the socket is reduced, and the balance and concentration of weight is improved. It has been tried by some of the first professionals here, and approved of. He also makes some new shapes of irons, rounding the soles according to taste, with the object in the case of a cleek of taking a ball out of a "cuppy" lie, and in the case of lofting-irons for approaching the rounded sole takes comparatively little turf away; and I believe the general use of such a shape would be a great means of avoiding the destruction of the greens that now goes on from the present practice of using iron clubs instead of the old-fashioned spoons, buffies, &c. Another idea (not patented) for improving the grip of all clubs has been acted on with success. I call it the "*secure grip*." It consists of making the *wood* of the shafts at the ends *octagonal* instead of round—in the case of cleeks, irons, putters, &c., the full length of the grip of *eleven* inches, and in the case of drivers, brassies, &c., the end to be octagonal for *six* inches for the grip of the left hand. It is done by leaving those lengths of the shafts in the original square and then planing off the corners down to a surface of *one-quarter* inch, or more, according to fancy, and then covering with list and leather as usual. The shafts must be inserted into the sockets of iron clubs, and the spliced ends cut for wooden clubs, so that one of the small faces of the grip comes in a line with the upper edge or top of the club. Any one with a weak hand or grip has only to try this to find the advantage.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A ROYAL AND ANCIENT SUBSCRIBER.



CORNWALL COUNTY GOLF CLUB.—Her Majesty the Queen has intimated, through the Earl of Mount-Edgcombe, to the secretary of the club, that she has been graciously pleased to command that this club be styled henceforth the "Royal Cornwall Golf Club."

This is a golfer's *menu* card, drawn up by Mr. A. Mackenzie Ross, which did duty once at a convivial golfing gathering not very far from Edinburgh. "Lang Spune soup, cleek broth; Brassy soles, filleted; Split hickory spars, fried; Horns biled, with putter dressin'; Nips frae Mrs. Forman's; Roast frae Westward Ho!, Hoylake sauce; Leather and feathers; Far and Sure; Gowff puddin', Pandie sauce; Blackheath dessert." The golfing illustrations surrounding the card are splendid in their humorous suggestiveness.

"The other morning," writes an Indian Golfer, "I was out on the Maidan having my usual round, and a curious circumstance occurred. When I was putting into the first hole, I happened to look into it previous to drawing out the flag. To my surprise I found a large rat curled round the stick, with his back pressed tightly against the walls of the hole. He was as much astonished as I was, judging by the lustre in his little black beads of eyes, and did not stir for a second or two. I might have been inclined to spare him, but Cleek, who was with me, was not so sentimental; and thrusting the butt end of his club into the hole he tickled up the "rotton," who at once bolted, but was laid low by the valiant Cleek before he got many yards away. I asked Cleek why he did not let the poor beggar escape—did he not remember Burn's generous conduct to the

"Wee, sleeokit, cow'rin', tim'rous beastie?"

But Cleek, who was very Scotch, at once replied:—"I wadna hae tickled the rat if it had been a Scotch ane, but being a native ane I hadna ony patriotic motive to tempt me to spare it. Now, then, you lead aff to the next hole, and watch thae stanes in the road."

A bazaar in aid of the Golf links at Carnoustie is about to be held. Within the last few days a number of additional articles have been presented to this bazaar, among these being a walnut piano, the gift of Lord Provost Mathewson, Dundee; an American organ, the gift of Bailie Taylor, Carlogie House, Carnoustie; a silver tea service, the gift of Mr. Ogilvie, Kirkton, Arbroath; an oil painting—"Baiting the Lines"—the work and gift of Mr. Graham, Seaview, Carnoustie; a marble clock, the gift of the Rev. James Caesar, Panbride; a timepiece, the gift of Mr. George Stevenson, Dundee; and two Rebecca jars, the gift of Mrs. Smieton, Heath Cottage, Carnoustie. Tickets for these, for the pair of ponies, phaeton, and harness, and for Provost M'Corquodale's antique clock, which is much admired, are to be had in the shops in Carnoustie and district.

On Saturday last a Prestwick St. Nicholas player distinguished himself by making a record for the green, viz.: 5 3 4 4 4 4 5 3 3=35.



TOM MORRIS. PROVOST BRODIE. MR. J. R. WHITECROWE.

A WELL-KNOWN NORTH BERWICK GROUP.

(From a Photograph by Mr. Charles Stephen, Banker, Reading.)

GOLF IN EDINBURGH.

An important change has, within the last few days, been made on the Braids course. The first hole which, on a busy day, was found to be inconveniently short, and occasionally led to a block at the second teeing ground, has been considerably lengthened. New holes have been made at the eighth, eleventh, and twelfth, and these changes are generally regarded with favour by the golfers. Although none of the new holes are of any great length, there are plenty of whin hazards to be avoided, and certainly not the least important feature of the change is that the old eleventh hole which scarcely repaid the climb up hill, and was never popular, is now a thing of the past. The putting-greens are still a long way behind what they ought to be, and are in most cases of the "hair-brush" order.

At present there is a man and a boy, the former apparently confining himself to supplying the brain power, while the latter varies the monotony of dragging a small mower about the hill by admiring the surrounding scenery at frequent intervals.

During the past few months a wonderful change has come over the starting point at the Braids, and anyone who had not been there for six or eight months would scarcely recognise the old place. There is now a well-made carriage road extending to the first teeing ground, so that those who care to indulge in the luxury of a cab may escape the long and arduous climb from Morningside. In addition to the Shelter erected by the Corporation, and the temporary refreshment pavilion, two neat and commodious stone buildings have recently sprung up. Mr. Wm. Frier, club-maker, is the proprietor of one, and has divided it into a workshop and club-room, the latter offering ample accommodation to golfers who appreciate the advantage of having a private box on the ground. The second cottage has been tastefully and comfortably fitted up by Messrs. Brown and Ross, as a "Golfer's Rest," where all kinds of light refreshments are supplied at extremely moderate prices. What can be done in the "Rest" is shown by the fact that a few Saturdays ago, in connection with the match between the St. Andrews Thistle and the Edinburgh Thistle, a party of over sixty sat down to a substantial meal. In the "Rest" there is also lavatory and club-room accommodation, so that visitors to the Braids have now everything at hand they could desire. A few "drouthy carls" are of opinion that a small sensation of the "Auld Kirk," or even a tankard of McEwan's best tippie would complete the picture; but although on special occasions a

spirit and beer license has been granted for the day, there is no immediate likelihood of the Braids being disfigured by the presence of a permanent drink shop.

The ticket system is found to work admirably, and now-a-days such a thing as a squabble at the teeing ground is quite unknown.

There have been several letters in the *Dispatch* lately, calling attention to the unseemly rows which are constantly taking place at Musselburgh, and urging the authorities there to adopt some method of regulating turns. But there is little hope of any improvement taking place. It would be quite inconsistent with its character as a dull, stupid and evil smelling place to introduce any change which might make it more attractive to golfers. The Braids caddies are not a success. As I pointed out in *GOLF* some months ago, the charge of 1s. 6d. is too high for the great majority of golfers who regularly frequent the course. The result is that the caddie business is far from brisk. To say truth, however, they are not a particularly attractive lot, and are strongly reminiscent of the genus loafer. Unlike their Musselburgh brethren, few, if any, of them play, or even understand, the game, and this fact does not add to their popularity. Hunting for lost balls among the whins is their chief occupation, and it proves to be in some cases very remunerative, as much as 5s. a-day being netted by these enterprising gentry.

I paid a visit to Earlsferry the other Saturday, and found the pretty Fifeshire course looking its best. Visitors are now invited to contribute a trifle towards the upkeep of the green, and with the funds thus obtained everything is apparently done to maintain it in first-class order. As a holiday resort, Earlsferry is becoming more popular every year, and this month the Golf course will be crowded all day long. In conversation with that most genial of club-makers and custodians, Mr. George Forrester, I was informed that, since the opening of the Braids course, Earlsferry during the holiday season has been over-run with golfers of the "scene-shifting" class, whose redeeming features are a remarkable genius for smashing clubs and hacking guttas. Forrester's driving cleek is fairly on the boom here, and I was assured that for one of the ordinary kind sold, a dozen of the "patents" find purchasers.

The Bruntfield Short Hole Club is flourishing. The membership is upwards of 100, and frequent competitions are held over the 41 hole course. Fourteen prizes were competed for on Saturday, August 1st, the first being won with a score of 115, an average of 8 under 3s!

THE CHIEF.

GENTLEMEN v. PLAYERS.

WHILE the formation of a Golfers' Association lingers on the way it may not be amiss to ventilate, for the consideration of all who take an active interest in the welfare of the game, a point which seems to be worthy of attention. The great spread of the game, the cheapening and improving of clubs and balls, the widespread facilities for practice have tended in a few years' time to raise a large proportion of our amateur players to the front rank, and to place them quite on a level with our best professional players. That is a result which brings with it many advantages for the game as a whole. It tends to bring the control of the game into the best hands, and under the direction of the best instructed heads; it preserves its associations sweet and wholesome; and the *obiter dicta* of the professional, uninstructed in aught but Golf, is being rapidly superseded by canons of law which square with justice, consistency, and the widest experience. But there is a danger of forgetting the services which our best professionals, now and in the past, have rendered to us in setting up a standard of irreproachable excellence in practical and scientific exposition of the game. No one who has had the privilege of seeing Allan Robertson, the two Dunns, old Willie Park, the Straths, the Morrises, Bob Fergusson, Campbell, Fernie, young Willie Park, Rolland, and Sayers, play some of their great matches will deny that all these players in their several styles approach an average of perfection which cannot be excelled. Time was, when the player, as player, could earn a decent livelihood by devoting himself to match play, either in singles or foursomes, utilising the candle ends of his time in the club-maker's shop. This condition of things, however, is fast passing away. The amateur is treading too closely on the heels of the professional player, who in order to gain his daily bread is compelled to devote himself exclusively to club-making. In one aspect this is a gain, in so far as it gives him a dominant and fixed interest in the life of industrial citizenship; in another aspect it is a loss, in so far as it deprives Golf of a brilliant exponent worthy of the imitation and emulation of all amateurs. The professional player is on the road to extinction; the caddie alone bids fair to survive and flourish.

Instead of allowing professional Golf thus to die down, ought something not to be attempted to foster and preserve it in legitimate channels? One such method of fostering it would be the institution of a yearly or half-yearly match between the pick of the gentlemen players and the foremost among the professional players. A small joint committee, representing the large Golf clubs of the country, might be formed to select players, to raise funds, to fix upon greens, and generally to lay down the conditions governing the match. The Committee of Selection would not have a very insuperable task to undertake. Suppose it were decided that eight players a-side should be chosen. On the part of the gentlemen, there is plenty of good material to be found in the names of Messrs. Laidlay, Ball, Hutchinson, Hilton,

Lamb, A. M. Ross, Leslie Balfour, Mure Fergusson, Purves, Everard, Macfie, Molesworth, and many others; while for the players, there are Park, Fernie, Campbell, Sayers, Rolland, Simpson, the Kirkaldys, Tom Morris, and several more. A two days' match, or 72 holes, would be a fair test of skill and endurance, all ties to be decided by not fewer than nine holes. The aggregate number of holes on either side would of course decide to which side the victory was due, and, if the gentlemen were victors, each player might be presented with a small commemorative medal, while the players would presumably elect to take Her Majesty's bullion, say, to the extent of £5 each if they lost, and £7 10s. if they won. Probably the professionals would have the advantage for some time to come, owing to better training; but each side would be stimulated to a large extent by the desire of gaining victory for honour's sake alone. Both amateurs and players would practise carefully and consistently in order to secure a favourable chance of selection by the committee, and the net gain to the game would be the addition of a very fine match, and much wholesome ambition, free from the dross of expectant sordid recompense.

THEY WERE SEVEN.

Seven Golf balls gleaming side by side,
Once filled my heart with glee;
Now they are severed far and wide,
In moor, and loch, and tree.

The first an ill-swung driver drew,
When first at the tee we stood;
Far to the left the white ball flew,
And was lost in the depths of the wood.

The next I shepherded awhile
Along the grassy lea;
But the iron at last, in a lofty style,
Perched it upon a tree.

The third, at a touch of the brassy, leapt
On high like a poet's soul;
When it came down, it seems to have crept
Into a rabbit's hole.

The fourth, like a bird, made straight for the moor,
Over the jag-toothed fence;
There let it rest—while the whins endure,
It will not issue thence.

The fifth shot up through the sweet sunlight,
Into the waste of space;
No eye beheld its upward flight,
None marked its landing place.

The sixth, with a clour of the burnished cleek,
Into the Black Loch spun;
A pike that had hungered for half that week,
Slid forth, and the twain were one.

The last is marred by the biting steel,
It looks like a guilty thing;
'Tis a boat that sails on a broken keel,
'Tis a lark with a broken wing.

The Golf House,
Blairgowrie.

R. KEMP.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Alex. Stewart-Govane, of Drumquhassle, Stirlingshire, who held the office of captain during the year 1888. Well known on many links on both sides of the Border, his familiar figure will be missed with sorrow by a large circle of friends.

He was particularly identified with the Golf clubs situated in the neighbourhood of Liverpool, Hoylake, Blundellsands, and Formby, whose members mourn the untimely end of one to whom they owe so much, and who worked so assiduously for their welfare.

As a captain and administrator he was *secundus nulli*; as a golfer, a consistent and successful player; and as a man, a staunch and valued friend to those who were so fortunate as to enjoy an intimate acquaintance with him. As his voice and jest will be missed at many a merry meeting, so will his sound judgment, and willingness for work, be missed by his old comrades on council and committee.

THE NEW COURSE AT KILMALCOLM.—Since this course was laid off in the spring it has met with great success. Started with the modest intention of a local membership of fifty, it soon outstepped all the ideas of its founders. For some time past negotiations have been going on for an extension of ground. These have been successfully carried through, and the committee have now at their disposal a large stretch of the finest golfing ground in the kingdom. The turf is very old and short, and there is a plentiful supply of natural hazards in the form of trees, ruins, whins, walls, mounds, heather, marsh, ditches, streams, &c. Willie Campbell, of Ranfurly Castle Golf Club, has spent considerable time on the ground, and has laid it out as a full 18-hole course. There will be nine holes out and nine holes in. The length will be, if anything, over three miles. The committee are sparing no pains or expense to make it a very high-class course. They have engaged the services of a first-class professional green-keeper and club-maker, and under his supervision work was begun on the new course last Monday. It is fully expected that a month or six weeks will see everything in playing condition. The course will likely be opened by a professional tournament or championship match. A comfortable club-house has been erected on the ground, with accommodation for members, clubs, &c.

EAST OF FIFE CLUB.—On Saturday evening the members of this club held a competition for three prizes of Golf balls presented to the club. The weather being fine a good number of competitors turned up. Result:—Mr. George Lumsden, jun., 98, less 18=80; Mr. William Smith, jun., 81 (scratch); and Mr. James Burd, as having the highest score, 98, less 3=95. The office-bearers for the ensuing year are:—Mr. Gilchrist, captain, in room of Sir Ralph Anstruther; Mr. Wm. Smith, jun., vice-captain; Mr. A. Rodger, secretary; and Mr. A. Y. Tosh, treasurer.

Messrs. Thomas and Sons, sporting tailors, 32, Brook Street, London, have long been known for the admirable work they turn out in the shape of all kinds of clothing for sportsmen. One of their specialities, as will be seen from their pictorial advertisement on our cover, is the making of knickerbockers, Norfolk jackets, and other suitable vestments for golfers. The firm keep in stock a large and varied selection of the choicest Scotch and Irish tweeds and soft homespuns, patterns of which and instructions for self-measurement to customers residing at a distance are sent on application. Those of our readers who may wish a smart pair of knickerbockers for sea-side wear at this season will have no reason to regret their visit to Messrs. Thomas and Sons, who with finish and quality of material join promptitude of execution.

As we indicated recently, Archie Simpson, the Carnoustie professional, has taken up his residence at Prestwick, and, under an engagement with Charlie Hunter, will be connected with the principal links there.

CLUB SECRETARY (to Speculative Golfer).—"Look here, we don't allow any gambling, or games of chance in this club."

SPECULATIVE GOLFER.—"This isn't a game of chance; my friend now playing has no chance." (Collapse of hon. sec.)



ABERDEEN.

Golfers here still continue to be favoured with splendid weather for the pursuit of their favourite pastime, and some excellent work has been done over both our local greens. On Wednesday, the 12th, and Saturday, the 15th inst., the members of the Victoria club held their usual quarterly prize competition over the course on Aberdeen links. The weather on both days was all that could be desired by the most fastidious golfer, and as a consequence there was a large turn-out of competitors. No less than twenty-five couples started to compete for the prizes, which, as usual, consisted of golfing material. There were eighteen prizes in all, nine going to players in the first class and nine to second-class players. Ties were decided by the lowest handicaps, and on comparing the cards handed in, the following were found to be the winners:—

First-class players—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. Innes	83	3 80	Mr. A. M'Connachie	83	+3 80
Mr. J. Law...	93	9 84	Mr. J. Russell	84	+3 87
Mr. J. Forrest	89	4 85	Mr. J. Stewart	93	6 87
Mr. D. J. Innes	90	5 85	*Mr. A. Mitchell	90	2 88
Mr. W. Pollock	93	8 85	*Mr. R. Balmain	90	2 88

* Tie for ninth prize.

Second-class players—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. Moggach	93	5 88	Mr. D. Jessiman	100	5 95
Mr. J. Grant	95	3 92	Mr. W. Merrylees	103	6 97
Mr. B. Nicholls	104	12 92	Mr. D. Milne	101	3 98
Mr. W. Argo	97	2 95	Mr. J. Smith	104	3 101
Mr. W. Stalker	100	5 95			

Among the remaining cards the following had the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. B. Banks	91	3 88	Mr. W. H. Reid	94	4 90
Mr. J. Burness	99	10 89	Mr. A. Gemmell	99	9 90
Mr. G. Mortimer	94	4 90	Mr. R. W. Beedie	96	5 91

The club's quarterly scratch prize was competed for at the same time, and resulted in a tie between Messrs. J. Innes and A. M'Connachie, who both handed in cards of 83.

The members of the Bon-Accord Club competed over the same course for Mr. Jaffray's prize (handicap). An inspection of the cards handed in showed that Mr. J. Florence occupied first place with a score of 92, less 7=85. The following were the lowest scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. Florence	92	7 85	Mr. L. Anderson	89	1 88
Mr. J. W. Murray	89	3 86	Mr. J. Greig	97	8 89
Mr. J. Ogilvie	94	7 87	Mr. W. Smart	85	+5 90

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

A handicap competition took place on Saturday, August 15th. The first prize was won by Mr. S. R. Bastard with the excellent score of 84. The following are the competitors:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. S. R. Bastard	87	3 84	Mr. H. S. Theobald	127	30 97
Mr. E. Stapylton	107	18 89	Mr. T. Hill	120	18 102
Mr. Lindner	118	27 91	Mr. J. G. S. Anderson	121	14 107
Mr. J. B. Pettit	92	scr. 92	Mr. Longe	125	18 107
Mr. F. D. Bright	120	25 95	Mr. Foyer	132	18 114
Mr. Smithson	102	6 96	Mr. J. S. Godlee	135	18 117
Mr. S. B. Tristram	113	16 97			

No returns from C. Mitchell, S. Gibb, G. Garrett-Smith, H. Gwyn, Jeffreys, Rickards, G. O. Jacobs, C. A. E. Wells, R. Prentice.

FORRES.—Mr. Alex. Macpherson has won the M'Donald silver medal with a score of 103, less 10=93.

ALNMOUTH CLUB.

A handicap was arranged for last Saturday, and proved very successful—no less than thirty-five competitors taking part. Victory rested with Master J. Barr, a youth of 15, who had a net score of 79. Mr. Charlton, the hon. sec. of the Tyneside Club, was responsible for the handicapping. The scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Barr ...	104	25	79	Capt. Roberts ...	110	18	92
Mr. S. F. Bates ...	108	25	83	Mr. T. A. Hutton...	107	13	94
Mr. W. G. Reynolds	110	27	83	Mr. C. A. Ridley ...	95	scr.	95
Mr. M. P. Ismay ...	98	13	85	Mr. E. R. Hall ...	132	36	96
Mr. E. Hume ...	110	25	85	Mr. J. de C. Paynter	100	3	97
Mr. G. Wood ...	102	16	86	Mr. R. Simpson ...	115	18	97
Mr. J. M. Owbridge	123	36	87	Mr. A. Barr ...	133	36	97
Mr. F. B. Dunford...	94	5	89	Mr. G. C. Roberts...	117	18	99
Mr. J. E. Davidson	102	13	89	Mr. G. J. Scott ...	124	25	99
Mr. C. M. Forster...	109	20	89	Mr. S. Haggie ...	122	22	100
Mr. G. W. Welch...	105	15	90	Mr. J. G. Sharp ...	113	12	101
Mr. A. Jones ...	118	27	91	Major Hogg ...	127	25	102
Mr. T. Tate ...	97	6	91	Mr. J. W. Leach ...	144	36	108

Nine players retired.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

During the past month an American handicap tournament has been played, for three prizes. First, for the best score by holes, a gold bangle won by Miss Andrews; second, for the best handicap score, another gold bangle, won by Miss L. Pulford. Both the bangles were kindly presented by Mrs. Du Croz, of Courtlands, East Grinstead. Third, the best scratch score, won by Miss Birch, a set of photographs taken on the ladies' links, and presented by Mr. Glanville. Eighteen members entered for the contest, but only fifteen finished their matches by the appointed time. Full score:—

Holes Hcp. Scr.			Holes Hcp. Scr.				
Miss Andrews ...	69	687	715	Miss Fox ...	51	717	843
Miss L. Pulford...	62	649	845	Miss J. Pulford ...	35	721	889
Miss Birch ...	57	682	696	Miss Banister ...	56	730	926
Mrs. Stone ...	48	679	917	Miss Riddle ...	53	738	850
Mrs. Stewart ...	57	691	719	Miss Lee... ..	43	757	827
Miss Stone ...	53	681	919	Mrs. Peckham ...	37	806	992
Mrs. Lucas ...	51	703	857	Mrs. Astbury ...	36	821	1059
Miss E. Banister .	53	712	838				

BALLANTRAE GOLF CLUB.

St. Ringan's Prizes.—This competition, forming one of a series instituted during the season, for prizes presented by members and friends, was begun on Thursday, the 13th inst., and was continued throughout the week. The play was over the full course of eighteen holes; all competitors starting scratch. Result of final ties:—Mr. John Ferguson beat Mr. David Menzies, Rev. F. J. Williamson beat Mr. Hugh Wason, Mr. John Phillips beat Mr. John McCulloch, Dr. L. Temple beat Rev. George Gladstone.

Semi-Final.—Dr. L. Temple (bye) beat Rev. F. J. Williamson (scratched); Mr. John Phillips beat Mr. John Ferguson.

Final.—Mr. John Phillips beat Dr. L. Temple.

A feature of the competition was the tie between Rev. F. J. Williamson, the champion, and Hugh Wason, which was only settled after the competitors had started for the third time, when the champion won by one hole. The record of the green was broken by Mr. John Phillips, with the score of 79 for eighteen holes.

CATHKIN BRAES v. DUMBARTON.

This was a return match, and it was played at Dumbarton, on Saturday, the 15th inst., under conditions that were not altogether favourable. As may be gathered from the undernoted details, the local team had the game mostly their own way:—

CATHKIN BRAES.		DUMBARTON.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. T. Mitchell ...	0	Mr. W. Lonie ...	12
Mr. D. Guthrie ...	0	Mr. H. George ...	6
Mr. R. Scott ...	0	Mr. J. Burgess ...	0
Mr. G. S. Gillan ...	0	Mr. A. Herd ...	8
Mr. J. M. Jamieson ...	0	Mr. J. M'Intyre ...	5
Mr. W. Crosbie ...	0	Mr. W. Craig ...	3
Mr. J. Robb ...	0	Mr. C. Baptie ...	7
Mr. D. S. Salmond ...	6	Mr. W. Lunan ...	0
Mr. R. Robin ...	0	Mr. J. Risk ...	7
Mr. J. Osborne ...	0	Mr. E. Reid ...	7
Mr. H. Findlay ...	4	Mr. W. S. Anderson ...	0
Mr. R. J. Smith ...	0	Mr. F. P. Smith ...	7
	10		62

Majority for Dumbarton, 52 holes.

BUCKIE.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 12th inst., Mr. W. F. Johnston succeeded in again winning the Webster Challenge Belt from Dr. Duguid. On the same day the annual competition for the scratch silver medal took place, Mr. John Johnston proving the winner, with a score of 90. Mr. Keir, with a score of 99, less 12=87, carried off the captain's medal for the month.

COUNTY GOLF CLUB, PORTRUSH.

The monthly competition for the silver cup, value £10, presented by the club, took place on the links at Portrush on Saturday, the 8th inst. The lowest net score, and, with one exception, also the lowest gross score, was returned by Mr. John Woodside, one of the youngest members of the club, who, as the winner of the competition, was awarded a Golf club, which had been kindly given by a visitor from the other side of the Channel. The following are the net scores under 100:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Mr. John Woodside.	95	22	73	Colonel G. Beresford			
Mr. C. R. Topping.	97	18	79	Knox ...	118	30	88
Dr. Anthony Traill.	97	15	82	Mr. Leslie Carter ...	117	28	89
Mr. A. D. Gausson.	97	14	83	Mr. G. M. Shaw ...	96	6	90
Mr. R. Daniel ...	104	20	84	Mr. Wm. Taylor ...	122	30	92
Mr. W. H. Webb...	94	10	84	Mr. John Patrick ...	117	24	93
Mr. James Hyndman	107	22	85	Mr. H. M. Ormsby.	113	20	93
Mr. Hugh Adair ...	99	12	87	Mr. T. Irwin ...	109	14	95
Mr. J. R. Donald ...	113	26	87	Mr. J. M. Dickson..	111	16	95
				Mr. J. H. Kelly ...	126	30	96

Although the entrance-fee has been quite recently increased, the roll of members of this club now contains about 315 names, and it continues to grow steadily.

CULLEN.

The medal presented by Mr. J. W. Stuart to the junior members of the Cullen Club was played for on Wednesday, the 12th inst., over the Cullen course, and was won by Mr. James Simpson.

DISLEY GOLF CLUB.

The fourth summer handicap was competed for on August 15th. The weather was comparatively fine, and the greens were in perfect condition. Mr. R. C. Hutton took the first sweepstake prize, the second and third being divided between Messrs. Bell and A. Hutton. As Mr. R. C. Hutton has already secured a win for the summer handicap medal, Messrs. Bell and A. Hutton had to play off the tie, and the latter won easily, securing the right of playing in the final competition for the medal. Mr. Bell's gross score of 90 is the lowest score yet returned in a competition. The scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Mr. R. C. Hutton...	99	12	87	Mr. P. Campbell ...	129	36	93
Mr. W. Bell ...	90	scr.	90	Rev. G. O'Brien ...	126	30	96
Mr. A. Hutton ...	104	14	90	Mr. R. W. Hutton	100	3	97
Mr. T. Norris ...	118	26	92				

The rest of the players made no return or were over 100 net.

DORNOCH GOLF CLUB

The weekly competition for the Sutherland prize (handicap) was held on Saturday, the 8th inst.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
Mr. M. Macdonald	86	+1	87	Mr. W. S. Fraser...	105	12	93
Mr. P. Park, Inver-				Mr. H. A. Kennedy	94	scr.	94
ness ...	96	7	89	Professor Nicholson.	107	12	95
Mr. W. Dick, Wick	101	10	91	Mr. D. Peters ...	112	15	97
Mr. A. Morrison ...	101	10	91	Mr. W. Harvey,			
Mr. G. Bridgeford..	99	7	92	Edinburgh ...	116	15	101
Mr. J. MacEwan...	100	7	93				

On Saturday the fortnightly, weekly, and monthly prizes were played for. Mr. P. Park, Inverness, won the fortnightly prize with a score of 91, less 7=84. For the weekly and monthly prizes Mr. John Campbell, with the very creditable scratch score of 81, had an easy win.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap was played on Wednesday, the 12th inst., and was won by Captain Eccles, after a tie with Sir Bevan Edwards. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.					
*Captain Eccles ...	99	16	83	Mr. Jeffery...	115	12	103
*Sir B. Edwards ...	107	24	83	Mr. Bentinck ...	127	24	103
Mr. Morris... ..	106	20	86	Mr. Walker ...	158	24	134
Captain Conwy ...	127	30	97	Mr. Baker ...	169	24	145

* Tie.—Captain Eccles, 94, less 16=78; Sir B. Edwards, 114, less 24=90.

Others made no return.

FORFARSHIRE.

A meeting of the members of the Carnoustie Ladies' Golf Club was held last week. The condition of the course was discussed, and it was agreed to accept the estimate by a Carnoustie contractor, subject to the permission of the proprietor, for the banking-up of portions of the foreshore, so as to prevent the drift of sand over the course, which has of late years done much damage to it, and prevented an earlier opening of the links than otherwise would have been the case. To meet the required expenditure the annual subscription will be raised for the next two years. It was suggested that the club should give something to the links bazaar to be held in March of next year, and the proposal was favourably received. It was also agreed that subscriptions should be raised amongst the present and old members and their friends to purchase a handsome article to be drawn for. The council were appointed a committee to carry out the necessary arrangements and collect subscriptions.

The competition for the monthly challenge medal and other two prizes given by Miss Dickson, the hon. secretary of the club thereafter took place. The weather was excellent, and the course in better order than it has been this season. The play throughout was, in consequence, exceptionally good, the crack hands of old standing meeting with strong and unexpected opposition from some of the younger members. At the close of a keen contest it was found that the medal had been won by Miss Grey, Carnoustie, with the best score of the season, namely, 111 strokes. The consolation prize fell to Miss Rosa Nicoll, Carnoustie, after playing off a tie with Mrs. Anderson, Dundee. Amongst the best scores were:—Miss Edith Stewart, 112; Miss Ella Nicoll, 112; Miss H. Stewart, 112; Miss Colquhoun, 113; Mrs. Gibson, 114; Miss L. Freeland, 116; Miss Lawson, 116; Miss D. Nicoll, 120; Miss Fullarton, 121; Miss Gentle, 122; Miss Hunter, 123.

An interesting and enjoyable match between nine members of the Edzell Club and an equal number of visitors was played over the Edzell course last week. On both sides some good play was shown, but, as will be seen by the result, the visitors were much too strong for the home team. Score:—

EDZELL.		VISITORS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. D. Ferguson ...	0	Mr. J. Patterson ...	3
Mr. D. Nairn ...	0	Mr. I. Drimmie ...	7
Mr. A. Nairn ...	2	Mr. T. Adams ...	0
Mr. J. Cooper ...	0	Mr. W. G. Neish ...	5
Mr. T. Bennet ...	1	Mr. R. D. Livingstone ...	0
Mr. J. Duncan ...	0	Mr. R. Anderson ...	7
Mr. J. Fearn ...	0	Mr. H. Chalmers ...	4
Mr. J. Davie ...	3	Mr. T. Young ...	0
Mr. F. Carr ...	0	Mr. W. Drimmie ...	7
	6		33

On Saturday, Mr. W. M. Jameson Paton, playing with Mr. W. Bouch, London, over the Montrose course, came in at the exceptionally low score of 73. When the new circular course was opened some of the professionals who took part in the inaugural tournament went the round in 73, but that is the lowest at which it has ever been taken, and stands as the record. The following are the details of Mr. Paton's score:—

Out ...	3	3	4	4	3	5	5	4	4=35
In ...	3	4	6	5	5	3	4	3	5=38 73

On the afternoon of Saturday last, the members of the Montrose Mechanics' Club held their monthly competition for the presentation badge. The weather was favourable, while the greens were in good order. There was, however, but a meagre attendance, and on the cards being examined it was found that the winner of the badge was Mr. C. Foreman, with a score of 89—2 below.

FORTROSE AND ROSEMARKIE.

The second annual tournament of the above club was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., in beautiful golfing weather. There was a large turn-out of players, and the meeting was remarkably successful. The challenge cup, presented by the president, General M'Intyre, of Meadowbank, played at scratch, was won by Mr. Sydenham Kennedy, with a record score of 75, made up as follows—4 5 4 3 4 5 4 5 4 4 4 4 5 4 5 3. The second competition, for players at scratch and up to 15 handicap, resulted as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. S. Kennedy ...	75 scr. 75	Mr. K. J. Mackenzie	96 1 95
Mr. Birnie (Inverness) ...	89 scr. 89	Mr. Haldane ...	110 15 95
		Mr. A. McHardy ...	96 scr. 96

The third competition for players with 16 and up to 30 of a handicap resulted as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. M. Stuart ...	99 20 79	Mr. A. Mackenzie ...	121 21 100
Mr. N. Wilson ...	110 16 94	Mr. Mackenzie ...	143 30 113
Colonel Stephen ...	122 27 95		

The special prize for the best single round of six holes in the second competition, was won by Mr. Kennedy with 25; and in the third competition, Mr. Stuart won with 32. Consolation prizes were won by Provost Grant, Flowerburn, and Mr. J. Henderson. The prizes were presented at the close by Mrs. Mackenzie, of Flowerburn, who complimented the club on their most successful meeting.

HAYLING LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The summer meeting took place on Wednesday and Thursday, the 5th and 6th of August. A carriage clock (supplied by Messrs. R. Garrard and Sons, Haymarket), presented by the Rev. Thomas Filmer-Bennett, was competed for on both days; the handicap being limited to 18 on the four rounds of 36 holes; the lowest aggregate score winning.

	First Day.			Second Day.			Total.
	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	
Miss C. Turner ...	98	8	90	95	8	87	177
Mrs. De Kantzow ...	107	18	89	121	18	103	192
Miss Turner ...	104	10	94	111	10	101	195
Miss A. M. Routledge	105	4	101	103	4	98	199
Miss A. G. H. Routledge	115	5	110	96	5	91	201
Miss F. Turner ...	119	15	104	115	15	100	204
Miss C. Lynch ...	132	18	114	123	18	105	219
Miss McEwen ...	137	18	119	135	18	117	236

Mrs. Gann, Miss Fisher, and Miss Crawford made no return.

On Wednesday, August 5th, a silver inkstand, presented by the secretary for scratch competition at the spring and summer meetings, and to be awarded to the member winning it twice consecutively, was played for with the following result: Miss C. Turner, 98; Miss Turner, 104; Miss A. M. Routledge, 105; Miss A. G. H. Routledge, 115; Miss F. Turner, 119; Mrs. De Kantzow, 121; Miss C. Lynch, 132; Miss McEwen, 137.

The inkstand will be played for again at the next spring meeting, Miss A. M. Routledge having won it at the last.

For the Visitors' prize there were only six entries. The competition was scratch with the following scores:—Miss Douglas, 102; Miss Smyth, 106; Mrs. Catty 116; Miss Hale, 121. Miss Filmer-Bennett and Miss Marsh made no return.

The Bath challenge star was competed for on August 6th, and was successfully won by Miss Constance Turner.

In the unavoidable and much regretted absence of the secretary and treasurer, her joint duties were kindly undertaken by Dr. Bowditch Hale, who fulfilled them most ably, and with perfect satisfaction to everyone.

LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

The entries for the summer competitions in the above club have been, owing to other attractions, remarkably few, and the scores, owing to the heavy state of the course, remarkably large. Mr. Watney's quarterly medal, played for on Saturday, the 1st inst., was secured by Mr. H. P. St. John with 108, less 14=94. On Tuesday, the 4th inst., the ladies competed for their monthly medal, with the following results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Bartlett ...	111 16 95	Miss A. Stewart ...	113 12 101
Mrs. Parsons ...	101 4 97	Miss Haldane Stewart	154 27 127

The gentlemen's monthly medal played for the next day found a winner in Mr. J. S. Scott, with a score of 97, less 5=92.

MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

OPENING OF THE CAULFIELD LINKS.

Judging by the success which attended the inaugural meeting of the Melbourne Golf Club, at Caulfield, on Saturday afternoon, July 4th, Victoria will speedily be added to the long list of British possessions already fallen beneath the sway of the Scottish national game.

On Saturday forty or fifty gentlemen played their maiden game over the club's links at Caulfield. Certainly everything was in favour of the experiment. In Melbourne it was raining, but on the links the threatened showers held off, and the clearness of the air before rain served to bring out still more distinctly the beauties of what the captain enthusiastically declared to be as fine a course as ever golfer needed. Here, on the Emo estate, a stone's throw from the Caulfield station, the kindness of Sir M. H. Davies has given the club possession of a wide tract of sandy country, a couple of miles or so of gorse clad common, stretching away in gentle undulations towards Heidelberg, and the blue line of the Dandenongs in the distance. Prettier landscape is not to be seen around Melbourne—no one more English in character—and the golfer, following the speeding ball up hill and down dale, and opening his lungs now and then to a whiff of generous mountain air, is, if only for the enjoyment of eye and limb, without reckoning the fascination of the game, a being to be envied. From the golfer's point of view, which is, or should be, strictly practical, the ground could scarcely be bettered. The hazards, whether of gorse bushes, or metalled roads, or treacherous gutters, are numerous enough to change the character of the play

between almost every hole. Between the eighth and ninth holes, especially where a fairly steep hill has to be surmounted, the golfer is called on to display his utmost science, and thence home the way is beset with difficulties enough to ensure an exciting finish. There are none of the bunkers which form the pride of some of the Scottish links, but in other respects, when the putting-greens are properly levelled, very little improvement could be desired.

At the starting point, some five minutes' walk or so from the station, the club have rented a newly-built villa, which is to be used as a clubhouse. There are a large dining-room, with the traditional bay window, a smoking-room, an excellent bath-room, and plenty of accommodation for keeping materials, as well as a spacious kitchen. Among the hundred or so gentlemen who sat down to luncheon in an adjoining marquee, were the President of the Legislative Council and the Premier, both of whom, however, though Scotch by birth, had to confess themselves unfamiliar with the game.

By two o'clock the golfers were grouped round the starting point, and Mr. J. M. Bruce and Mr. Playfair were ready to tee off for the opening game. The captain wore the future costume of the club—a scarlet coat with gilt buttons, knickerbockers, and a Tam o' Shanter; in fact, shooting coats and knickerbockers were plentiful enough among the players, although only half-a-dozen or so of them turned up in pink. And here, for the first time, the spectators made acquaintance with the Australian caddie. He was small mostly, and skimpy, and carried his bundle of clubs with an air as though he knew rather more about the game than anybody could teach him. It was a liberal lesson in juvenile precocity to see how these urchins kept their eyes and ears open, and how they picked up phonetically the peculiar parlance of the game. A boy of ten years or so, whose acquaintance with Golf began at the first hole, was an accomplished critic by the time he came to the fourth, and it was probably nothing but an inherent bashfulness that kept him from offering his services to the players as instructor. To Mr. J. C. Stewart, who went round with the opening single, is due the responsibility of unconsciously luring the Australian caddie into the Doric. In the excitement of the game Mr. Stewart alluded to a water channel as a "burn," and like everybody else he transformed the gorse bushes into "whins." The caddies duly added these terms to their golfing vocabulary, and after that referred to these peculiarities of the ground as "burns" and "whins," and nothing else. If one of them happened to speak of "the gutter" by accident, he coughed and corrected himself to "the burn."

The first game between Mr. Bruce and Mr. Playfair was well fought out, and the players, though both were evidently out of practice, managed to cover the course in a little over two hours, Mr. Bruce winning by three holes. Most of the others indulged in the more general foursome, and all were followed by interested spectators, among whom were several ladies. Among the visitors during the afternoon were Mr. E. G. Fitzgibbon and his two sons, who followed the game on horseback. Altogether the opening was a brilliant success, and with a little practice the club should soon be able to turn out excellent players to compete in challenge games. Several trophies have already been promised through Mr. Bruce, among them being a £15 15s. trophy by Mr. G. Robertson, and a £7 7s. trophy by Colonel Freeman. Mr. Pat M'Intyre, of London, has forwarded a silver-headed cleeek; and Mr. Hubert Cole, of London, now on a visit to Melbourne, has also promised to give a prize.

NEWBIGGIN CLUB.

The third competition for the club prize was played off on the 10th inst., with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. Farr ...	106 10 96	Mr. J. L. Bell ...	109 5 104
Mr. J. Hedley ...	105 6 99		

Several players made no returns. The hon. secretary's prize was competed for in fine golfing weather, Mr. Brumell proving successful. The scores were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. B. Brumell ...	110 22 88	Mr. J. G. Sharp ...	108 10 98
Mr. J. W. Wood ...	95 5 90	Mr. T. Hutton ...	114 13 101
Mr. J. Lorimer ...	101 10 91	Mr. W. Farr ...	110 8 102
Mr. J. Hedley ...	98 6 92	Mr. C. Ismay ...	134 20 114
Mr. D. Rosser ...	112 16 96		

Mr. C. Wilkinson made no return.

The gold medal competition took place on the 14th inst., over the Newbiggin links, this being the seventh contest for the trophy this season. A boisterous wind interfered with the play. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. W. Wood ...	96 5 91	Mr. J. G. Sharp ...	106 10 96
Mr. T. A. Hutton ...	106 13 93	Mr. B. Brumell ...	116 18 98
Mr. M. P. Ismay ...	114 9 95	Mr. J. L. Bell ...	102 4 98

Messrs. J. Hedley and C. Ismay retired.

NORTH BERWICK.

A large proportion of the visitors now residing here while away a few hours daily on the Golf links, which have of late presented a very animated aspect. In fine weather, occasional mixed matches, in addition to the usual singles and foursomes, have aided to brighten the appearance of the green. Such a day was Saturday last, the morning of which was almost an ideal one for Golf, just sufficiently cloudy to shield the player from the trouble of the sun's rays, whilst breezy enough to brace him up and yet not banish his steady game. Consistently with the brisk play during the week, some fifty couples had driven from the tee on Saturday prior to the arrival of the early trains from the city, and considering the counter attraction afforded by the annual season sports at Abbey Park, the course was busily occupied throughout the day. There were no competitions of importance during the past week, the starting-sheet showing entries wholly of couples and foursomes in friendly play. Amongst the more interesting games, a foursome took place on Tuesday between Mr. R. M. Harvey partnering Bernard Sayers, and Mr. E. Parrott partnering Charlie Crawford. Two rounds of thirty-six holes were played. A very close game resulted in the first round being halved, but at the close of the match Mr. Parrott and his professional partner held an advantage of four holes. The visitors who drove from the tee on Saturday forenoon included the Dean of Faculty, Viscount Newark, and Sheriff Cowan, and amongst those on the green from over the Border were one or two Hoylake players. Mr. Laidlay, amateur champion, also paid a visit on Saturday, and had a round of the links with Mr. W. M. De Zoete. The arrival of some other amateurs of the front rank is, according to rumour, in very near prospect. A good many lady visitors and residents have been playing over the green, occasionally engaging in interesting mixed foursomes. The score of 28 of last year, by Miss Ada Gillies Smith, still stands as the record for the round of nine holes in the ladies' club competition. It has, however, been very nearly approached: figures of 29 and 30 having been registered this season; and similarly, whilst 66 by Sayers stands as a record for the long course, a 68 and a 69 have been made by Ben and the amateur champion respectively. Again, in a single early in the season Davie Grant would probably have found his score for the round "amongst the sixties" but for a severe sprain which compelled him to give up at the gate and walk home. He had the exceptionally fine score of 35 for the ten holes out, and continued his quite brilliant game until finishing. The course and putting-greens are just now in admirable condition, and the present week has been auspiciously begun, a good number taking advantage on Monday of the favourable golfing weather.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS GOLF CLUB.

The first of the events on the fixtures card of this club was played on Saturday in charming weather, when twenty-three couples started in a double round of the green for possession of a statuette in stucco, representing a golfer putting, presented by Mr. J. Roger, Glasgow. The scoring was good and the trophy was won by Mr. Adam Runcie. The scores handed in are herewith given:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Runcie ...	95 18 77	Mr. J. Turnbull ...	113 24 89
Mr. A. Y. Peattie ...	102 24 78	Mr. John Wallace ...	101 12 89
Mr. J. Howat ...	85 6 79	Mr. J. Bowden ...	111 22 89
Mr. A. J. Larke ...	91 12 79	Mr. A. M. Turner ...	100 10 90
Mr. Chris. Randall ...	80 scr. 80	Mr. T. Hamilton ...	104 14 90
Mr. M. Smith ...	99 18 81	Mr. W. H. Griffin ...	111 20 91
Mr. H. G. Peattie ...	105 24 81	Mr. R. Pyper ...	107 16 91
Mr. J. Hamilton ...	93 12 81	Mr. H. M. Giles ...	103 12 91
Mr. A. C. Steven ...	98 16 82	Mr. A. Dunbar ...	102 10 92
Mr. H. Boyd ...	88 6 82	Mr. J. Tullis ...	102 10 92
Mr. T. Weir ...	101 18 83	Mr. T. McLaren ...	107 14 93
Mr. Jas. Andrew ...	87 3 84	Mr. W. C. Griffin ...	111 18 93
Mr. Jas. Gibson ...	85 scr. 85	Mr. M. Alison ...	114 18 96
Mr. Andrew Muir ...	94 8 86	Mr. J. H. Roger ...	113 16 97
Mr. J. Johnston ...	111 24 87	Mr. John Law ...	114 16 98
Mr. Andrew Boon ...	88 scr. 88		

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

Competition for the club medal, 15th inst.:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. B. Avery ...	100 17 83	Mr. A. J. Eames ...	98 7 91
Mr. E. Pinkerton ...	99 13 86	Mr. L. Horner ...	101 8 93
Mr. J. C. Tucker ...	108 22 86	Mr. A. Schacht ...	95 scr. 95
Mr. H. B. Fox ...	102 15 87	Mr. C. J. Trevarthen	125 30 95
Mr. H. D. Tucker ...	114 27 87	Mr. E. Hughes-	
Mr. C. W. Troughton	104 16 88	Hughes ...	121 24 97

Several others over 100 net, or no returns.

* WHANGHEE GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the medal presented by Mr. A. J. Ramsay, Dundee, was held over Elie Links and resulted as follows:—1, Mr. J. A. Welsh; 2, Mr. C. F. Umpherston; 3, Mr. H. E. Griffin.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

Tuesday, August 11th.—The competition for the monthly medal brought out fourteen members this day. The course and the greens were in very good condition, and several excellent scores were returned. Mr. F. S. Ireland proved the winner, with a gross score of 114, less 5 = 109. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. F. S. Ireland ...	114	5 109	Mr. A. H. Newington ...	128	5 123
Mr. Robert Whyte ...	115	2 113	Mr. W. Morris ...	135	10 125
Mr. H. H. Turner ...	117	4 113	Mr. Fred. Gilbert ...	147	21 126
Mr. A. Schacht ...	120	6 114	Mr. J. S. Sawyer ...	138	9 129
Mr. John Osmond ...	133	16 117	Mr. T. J. Baillie ...	144	15 129
Mr. Fred. Graves ...	149	29 120	Mr. W. G. Barnes ...	166	30 136
Mr. W. E. Hughes ...	128	7 121	Mr. W. G. Kentish ...	155	18 137

ROYAL CORNWALL GOLF CLUB.

The August monthly handicap competition took place on Tuesday, the 4th inst., and turned out to be the best handicap and the lowest scoring which has been done on the county "green" since the club was formed. Mr. Edyvean did his first round in 42, which is the record up to date. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. H. Hext ...	96	5 91	Hon. G. Molesworth ...	123	30 93
Mr. Melvill Sandys ...	103	12 91	Mr. Robert Fox ...	112	16 96
Major Carden ...	105	12 93	Mr. Wilson Fox ...	116	16 100
Mr. B. F. Edyvean ...	90	+3 93	Rev. W. P. Matthews ...	120	18 102
Brigade-Surgeon Elliot ...	118	25 93	Mr. Young-Jamieson ...	119	12 107

The ladies' monthly handicap was played on Friday, July 31st, in a bitter cold wind. This was the fourth competition of a series of six. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Miss R. Anderson ...	122	30 92	Miss E. Gilbert ...	140	25 115
Miss Page ...	121	20 101	Miss K. Peter-Hoblyn ...	146	30 116
Mrs. Salmon ...	116	11 105	Mrs. Edyvean ...	126	4 122
Mrs. Francis ...	113	6 107	Mrs. Eryery ...	138	16 122
Miss C. Vyvyan ...	145	35 110	Mrs. Simpson ...	137	11 126
Mrs. Young Jamieson ...	117	7 110	Lady Morshead ...	194	35 159
Mrs. C. H. Hext ...	148	35 113			

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, August 8th.—Col. Mackenzie's prize and sweepstakes:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
* Col. M'Dougal ...	97	18 79	Capt. Sumner ...	101	9 92
* Mr. C. E. Lewis ...	99	14 85	Mr. H. G. H. Spencer ...	97	4 93
Col. Mackenzie ...	91	3 88	Mr. C. A. Leape ...	97	3 94
Mr. W. H. Monckton ...	107	18 89	Mr. G. Hornby ...	98	2 96
Mr. A. C. Salmon- son ...	105	15 90			

* Divided sweepstakes.

Several players made no returns.

SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the club cup took place over the Links at Seaton Carew, on Saturday last. On examination of the cards, Mr. F. Purvis and Captain Friend were found to have tied with the net score of 83. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. F. Purvis ...	90	7 83	Mr. J. B. Dale ...	94	1 93
Captain Friend ...	101	18 83	Mr. P. A. Raps ...	102	7 95
Mr. G. Newby ...	91	6 85	Mr. A. Robinson ...	103	6 97
Mr. C. J. Bunting ...	98	10 88	Mr. C. Trechmann ...	124	25 99
Mr. J. Tennant ...	95	5 90	Mr. A. Douglas ...	126	25 101
Mr. J. Hardy, junr. ...	116	25 91			

Messrs. F. Pyman, T. Pyman, W. Purves, O. K. Trechmann, E. R. Lindley, A. K. Paton, A. B. Wilson, W. Somerville-Woodiwis, and H. Simpson made no returns.

ST. ANDREWS.

ST. ANDREWS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The members of the St. Andrews Ladies' Golf Club competed on Monday and Tuesday, the 10th and 11th inst., for the jubilee cup. Play was by holes. There were 73 entries, and some interesting matches were witnessed, notably the final tie between Miss Bethune and Miss L. C. Bethune. These players were accompanied by quite a crowd of spectators, and the play of both was very fine. The weather throughout was favourable. The following were the results of the various rounds:—

First Round.—Miss Bruce Johnston beat Miss M. Morgan by 2 and 1 to play; Miss Macfie beat Mrs. MacGregor; Miss Nona Stewart beat Miss S. Johnston; Mrs. Scratton beat Mrs. Luckstedt; Miss M'Neil beat Miss Falconer by 3 and 2 to play; Miss E. E. Moir beat Mrs. Hull by 2 and 1 to play; Miss M. Bethune beat Miss F. Gibson by 6 and 5

to play; Miss A. M. Stewart beat Miss Sherwan Miller by 2; Miss B. D. Chiene beat Mrs. A. Denny.

Second Round.—Miss Bruce Johnston beat Miss N. Stewart by 4 and 2 to play; Miss M'Neil beat Miss Moir; Miss A. M. Stewart beat Miss M. Bethune; Miss Boyd beat Miss Chiene by 3 and 2 to play; Mrs. G. Boothby beat Miss Retson by 5 and 3 to play; Miss Henry beat Miss Whytock; Miss Irvine beat Miss F. Rice by 4 and 2 to play; Mrs. Gray beat Miss Moir by 2 and 1 to play; Miss A. Grainger beat Miss A. Rice by 4 and 5 to play; Miss Tait beat Miss Adelaide Welch; Miss Impey beat Mrs. Tait; Miss L. C. Bethune beat Miss J. M. Chiene by 4 and 3 to play; Mrs. Hay beat Mrs. Kerr by 3 and 2 to play; Miss Morgan beat Mrs. Best by 2; Miss Johnston beat Miss Dymoke Green after a tie; Mrs. R. Fleming beat Miss Bertha Welch by 5 and 4 to play; Miss Edith Griffiths beat Miss Griffiths by 3 and 1 to play; Miss A. Sherman Miller beat Mrs. J. Moir; Miss K. Bruce Johnston beat Miss H. M. Neeley by 5 and 4 to play; Miss A. Moir beat Miss Mary Impey by 2; Miss Grace Impey beat Mrs. J. M. Denney by 3 and 1 to play; Miss J. M. Bethune beat Miss Cowie by 6 and 5 to play; Miss J. C. Dunn beat Miss L. Prain; Miss H. M. Stewart beat Miss J. Macneil by 5 and 3 to play; Miss Alice Montgomery beat Miss K. Prain by 3 and 2 to play; Mrs. Wolfe Murray beat Mrs. W. H. Burn by 2; Miss E. Montgomery beat Mrs. Henderson by 4 and 3 to play; Miss Bethune beat Miss Mabel Hindmarsh by 3 and 1 to play; Miss J. J. Boyd beat Miss Montgomery by 7 and 6 to play; Miss L. Sherman Miller beat Mrs. James Boyd by 2; Miss J. K. Stewart beat Miss M. Bruce Johnston by 4 and 3 to play.

Third Round.—Miss Bruce Johnston beat Miss N. Stewart by 1; Miss Stewart beat Miss Macneil after a tie; Mrs. Boothby walk over, Miss Boyd scratched; Miss Irvine beat Miss Henry by 2; Mrs. Gray beat Miss A. Grainger by 6 and 5 to play; Miss Tait beat Miss Impey by 1; Miss L. C. Bethune beat Mrs. Hay by 3 and 2 to play; Miss Johnstone beat Miss Morgan by 1; Mrs. Fleming beat Miss E. Griffiths by 4 and 2 to play; Miss K. Bruce Johnston beat Miss A. S. Miller after a tie; Miss G. Impey beat Miss A. Moir by 4 and 2 to play; Miss J. M. Bethune beat Miss J. C. Dunn after a tie; Miss H. M. Stewart beat Miss A. Montgomery by 4; Mrs. Wolfe Murray beat Miss E. Montgomery by 5 and 4 to play; Miss Bethune beat Miss J. J. Boyd by 2 and 1 to play; Miss J. K. Stewart beat Miss M. Bruce Johnston by 4 and 3 to play.

Fourth Round.—Miss Bruce Johnston beat Miss Stewart by 1; Mrs. Boothby beat Miss Irvine by 5 and 3 to play; Mrs Gray beat Miss Tait by 2 and 1 to play; Miss L. C. Bethune beat Miss Johnston by 2 and 1 to play; Mrs. Fleming beat Miss K. Bruce Johnston by 3 and 2 to play; Miss G. Impey beat Miss J. M. Bethune by 3 and 2 to play; Miss H. M. Stewart beat Mrs. Wolfe Murray by 5 and 3 to play; Miss Bethune beat Miss J. K. Stewart by 5 and 4 to play.

Fifth Round.—Miss Bruce Johnston beat Mrs. G. Boothby after a tie; Miss L. C. Bethune beat Mrs. Gray; Mrs. Fleming beat Miss G. Impey by 7 and 6 to play; Miss Bethune beat Miss H. M. Stewart by 5 and 4 to play.

Sixth Round.—Miss C. L. Bethune beat Miss Bruce Johnston after a tie; Miss Bethune beat Mrs. Fleming by 4 and 3 to play.

Final.—Miss Bethune beat Miss L. C. Bethune by 2 and 1 to play.

The cup was presented at the close to Miss Bethune by the secretary, Captain Boothby.

An important professional match is on the tapis. Andrew Kirkaldy and his brother Hugh have indicated their willingness to play a four-some with any other two professional golfers for £50 a-side. They stipulate that the play shall be over two greens, and it is probable that either Fernie and Sayers or Archie Simpson will accept the challenge.

TROON GOLF CLUB.

THE CAPTAIN'S PRIZE.

The following is the result of the second round for the prize presented by Mr. Anderson, captain of the club:—Mr. George Gillespie (scratch) beat Mr. A. M'Murray (scratch); Mr. James Robertson (scratch) beat Mr. J. M. Bishop (5); Mr. Andrew Yates (4) beat Mr. W. C. Mitchell (5); Mr. James Irvine (4) beat Mr. H. E. Clifford (7); Mr. R. J. Wilson (5) beat Mr. John Merry (1); Mr. D. Fullarton (6) beat Mr. W. M. Paton (6); Mr. Thomas Johnston (4) beat Mr. George Drummond (4); Mr. T. B. A. M'Michael (3) beat Mr. James Raeside (6) (scratched); Mr. W. Morison (scratch) beat Mr. R. G. Ross (4); Mr. E. D. Protheroe (scratch) beat Mr. John Wharrie (5); Mr. D. Dundas (4) beat Mr. J. A. Anderson (5); Mr. J. Hutcheson, jun. (6), beat Mr. Alexander Brown (2) (scratched); Mr. R. White (scratch) beat Mr. John Sturrock (8); Mr. John Clark, jun. (5), beat Mr. Archibald Porteous (scratch); Mr. W. A. Robertson (6) beat Mr. J. M. Gray (1) (scratched); Mr. John Sturrock, jun. (6), beat Mr. R. Hutcheson (6).

Third Round.—The third round resulted as follows:—Mr. James Robertson (scratch) beat Mr. George Gillespie (scratch); Mr. Andrew Yates (4) beat Mr. James Irvine (4); Mr. R. J. Wilson (5) and Mr.

D. Fullarton (5) a tie; Mr. T. B. A. McMichael (3) beat Mr. Thomas Johnston (4); Mr. E. D. Prothero (scratch) beat Mr. W. Morison (scratch); Mr. D. Dundas (4) beat Mr. James Hutchison (6); Mr. R. White (scratch) and Mr. John Clark, jun. (5), a tie; Mr. J. Sturrock, jun. (6), beat Mr. W. A. Robertson (6).

BOYS' COMPETITION.

The following is the result of the third of the series of competitions for boys, held in connection with Troon Ladies' Golf Club:—

First Division:—			Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Cyril Adams	...	59 5 54	Tom Ross	...	73 14 59	George White	...	62 scr. 62
Bertie Clark	...	55 scr. 55	Jim Herbertson	...	62 scr. 62			
Harry Dundas	...	70 14 56						
Second Division:—			Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
James Dickie	...	66 10 56	Clark Symington	...	79 20 59	J. B. Dickie	...	64 3 61
Wallace Clark	...	57 scr. 57						
George Cowan	...	73 15 58						
Third Division:—			Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Robert McAllister	...	77 20 57	Percy Walker	...	74 5 69	Charles Cowan	...	96 24 72
Harry Bishop	...	65 scr. 65						

THE NEW FOREST GOLF CLUB.

Scores for the monthly medal, played on the Bramshaw Links, Saturday, August 8th. The new hole (No. 3) was responsible for the somewhat long scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Lieut. de Crespigny	91	scr. 91	Major Heathcote	152	30 122
Lieut. Heathcote	120	14 106	Mr. J. H. Howard	157	25 132
Mr. R. G. Hargreaves	130	18 112	Col. Cameron	173	30 143
Mr. J. H. Goldfinch	149	30 119			

WEST LINTON, PEEBLESSHIRE.

The competition for the scratch and handicap medals of Messrs. Thorburn, M.P., and Lewis, J.P., took place on Saturday last. The weather, threatening at first, cleared up to fine, and the course, by assurance of the captain, being in very fair order, an enjoyable game was had. Twenty-nine members went round. Rev. Mr. Miller gained the scratch medal with 91; Mr. P. Dowie, the handicap, 96, less 9=87; Messrs. Richard Aitken and John Mowbray, 94 each, less 6=88 (tie played for, three holes, Mr. Aitken, 18, Mr. Mowbray, 22), Mr. Aitken, a Carruther's cleek, Mr. Mowbray, an Alexander's bulger; Messrs. F. Cochrane, J. Laing, R. Millar, and J. Paterson, three balls each, with 92, less 3=89; 99, less 9=90; 95 less 4=91; 98, less 6=92. Not much fewer than eighty, including visitors, are now connected with the club. On the home green, amid a large gathering, Miss Fergusson, of Broomlee House, daughter of the late Sir Wm. Fergusson, sergeant-surgeon to the Queen, presented the prizes.

WIMBLEDON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The decision of the club to play the monthly medals through the holiday time has been justified by a muster of twenty players for the August medals. The names of the two winners have often been at the top of the list, but without the prefix of "Mrs." Miss A. L. Tyrwhitt-Drake returned a fine gross card of 85, doing the last nine holes in 40. The green is in good order. Most of the members are spending their holidays on golfing greens at home or abroad.

First Class:—			Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Norman Foster	91	18 73	Miss A. Tyrwhitt-Drake	...	96 10 86			
Miss A. L. Tyrwhitt-Drake	...	85 6 79						
Second Class:—			Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Arthur Pollock	96	27 69	Miss Emily Carver	120	35 85	Miss Clarke	...	116 29 87
Mrs. Archer	...	101 29 72	Miss Clapham	...	125 36 89	Miss A. J. Glennie	127	36 91
Miss G. E. Hassard-Short	...	100 27 73	Mrs. Meates	...	118 27 91	Mrs. R. Browne	...	131 36 95
Miss Frere	...	112 36 76	Miss K. Tuely	...	136 36 100	Miss E. Davidson	...	130 30 100
Miss Ethel King	...	108 28 80	Miss Ethel Carver	141	36 105			
Miss M. Oliver	...	117 36 81						
Mrs. Fisher	...	118 36 82						
Mrs. Dowson	...	114 30 84						

The September medals are to be played for on the 19th inst., and the autumn prize meeting is to be early in October.

HARRISON CLUB, EDINBURGH.—A three days' competition—handicap by holes—for the club's cup and two prizes was finished in Harrison Park on the 12th inst., with the following result:—cup and first prize, Mr. J. Allan; second, Mr. W. K. Smith.

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly meeting took place on Thursday, August 6th. There were eleven entries. Mr. H. N. B. Erskine won the cup and senior medal, and Major Pidcock Henzell the junior medal.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. N. B. Erskine	...	93 13 80	Mr. H. W. Buck	...	102 15 87
Mr. A. T. Archdale	94	10 84	Mr. A. C. Cherry	...	106 16 90
Major H. P. Henzell	111	25 86	Mr. W. C. Howard	...	(V.)
			...	118	25 93

Five others made no return.

MUSSELBURGH ARTISANS' COMPETITION.—The second round in this competition has just been completed at Musselburgh. The following is the result:—Mr. T. Hickman (allowed 7 strokes) beat Mr. E. Fitzjohns (allowed 14 strokes); Mr. W. Millar (14) beat Mr. C. M'Intosh (8); Mr. R. Keir (12) beat Mr. J. Williamson (4); Mr. T. Brown (4) beat Mr. J. Yeoman (9); Mr. W. Fairgrieve (10) beat Mr. G. Drummond (scratch); Mr. J. Murray (5) beat Mr. E. Spinks (5); Mr. D. Dickson (1) beat Mr. J. M'Donald (3); Mr. D. Lauder (12) beat Mr. J. Baird (8); Mr. J. Bennett (8) beat Mr. J. Neilson (16); Mr. A. Renton (14) beat Mr. T. Hamilton (16); Mr. T. Hunter (10) beat Mr. J. Martin (12); Mr. D. Innes (12) beat Mr. A. Crassick (11); Mr. D. Davis (scratch) beat Mr. J. Grossart (13); Mr. A. Ramage (14) beat Mr. J. Colquhoun (3); Mr. W. Turpy (scratch) beat Mr. J. Jackson (11); Mr. D. Jenkins (9) beat Mr. J. Lowson (14); Mr. W. Reid (12) beat Mr. G. Robertson (9); Mr. J. Allan (6) beat Mr. G. Lennon (15); Mr. T. Richie (9) beat Mr. W. Doig (9); Mr. W. Grossart (5) beat Mr. A. Purves (14); Mr. T. Pearson (15) beat Mr. P. Brown (16); Mr. T. Murray (11) beat Mr. J. Robertson (16); Mr. J. Gibson (12) beat Mr. G. Hardie (12); Mr. A. Ramsay (11) beat Mr. D. Drylie (13); Mr. H. M'Daid (12) beat Mr. J. Telfer (10); Mr. W. Loch (12) beat H. Dunn (9); Mr. S. M'Ewan (8) beat Mr. D. Young (18); Mr. A. Scott (6) beat Mr. R. Dow (2); Mr. D. Steeples (8), Mr. G. M'Dougall (5), Mr. A. Shaw (4), and Mr. J. Reid (12), receiving a bye from their opponents, enter the third stage.

GRANTOWN.—The monthly handicap for the secretary's prize and the medal was played on Saturday, when Mr. J. R. Burgess won the prize with a scratch score of 88, and Mr. G. Imray 188, less 18=170, and Mr. R. Winchester with a scratch score of 90 tied for the medal. Mr. Burgess was also successful in winning the captain's medal, which is played scratch, and is open to all members of the club. Mr. D. H. Gillan was next with 89.

EDINBURGH THISTLE CLUB.—This club met at the Braid Hills on Saturday to play for their monthly trophy. The afternoon was fine, although the wind was very troublesome. Twenty players started. Several good scores were returned, Mr. J. Nelson being declared the winner with a score of 82, less 2=80.

ELIE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—The weekly mixed doubles of this club took place on Saturday afternoon in the Recreation Park. Eighteen couples started, and after a very close contest Miss A. K. Monteith and Mr. W. Thomson came in first, and Miss May Thomson and Mr. W. Currie second.

ELECTRIC CLUB.—The monthly medal competition of this club was held over the Braids on the 14th inst., and resulted in a tie between Messrs. Kinnear (86, less 7=79), and Mabin (104, less 25=79).

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition of this club was played over Musselburgh links on Saturday, and resulted as follows:—Mr. D. G. R. Murray, 92, less 8=84, and Mr. R. R. Reid, 96, less 12=84—tie; Mr. J. A. Munro, 92, less 4=88. Mr. Murray completed his second round in 41 strokes.

BURNTISLAND v. KINGHORN THISTLE.—The second half of a home-and-home match was played at Kinghorn, when the Burntisland turned out a very weak team, and suffered defeat by 18 holes. Taking the two competitions together, the Burntisland have still a majority of 14 holes. Scores:—Burntisland, 17; Thistle, 35.

GEORGE GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The monthly medal was played for over Musselburgh Links on Saturday, the 8th inst., Mr. J. C. Johnston being the winner with 84, less 4=80; Mr. W. G. Miller being second with 81, plus 4=85. Mr. Miller's second round was a very fine one, viz., 5 3 4 4 3 4 5 4 4=36. This game also decided a previous tie between Messrs. Miller and Johnston for Captain Rose's gold medal, Mr. Miller being thrown out.

KINGHORN THISTLE CLUB.—The tie for the Hamilton cup between Mr. William Hay, Mr. James Mitchell, and Mr. John Dawson was played off on Friday night last. A slight wind interfered with the play, and the winning score is somewhat high. Only one round of the green was played, when Mr. John Dawson was the winner with a scratch score of 43.

AIRDRIE.—The quarterly competition for the Motherwell cup was played over the course at Rochsoles. The weather was wet and disagreeable, and the greens were very heavy. After two rounds of the green it was found that the cup had been won by Mr. A. D. Lindsay with a scratch score of 92. Mr. William Baird, with a score of 100, less 4=96, was second.

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